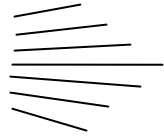


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# VOICE



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The monthly newsletter of Our Savior Lutheran Church  
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## **Annual Meeting**

### **Sunday, November 20, 2011**

### **12:30 p.m.**

### **In the Sanctuary**

*The Annual Meeting includes the election of officers and setting the budget for the coming year*

## **Traditional Meal**

**11:45 a.m.**

*Join the Youth Group for a meal before the Annual Meeting*

**All Confirmed members age 18 and older are encouraged to attend**

*Childcare will be provided*

The average person today has more friends and acquaintances than ever before. We simply have contact with many more people simply because there are more people around us and also because of the ease of communication. It's not uncommon for teenagers to be connected through computers and phones to *more than a thousand* "friends." But even older adults know more people than before since the places we work tend to have more employees and there are more people in our neighborhoods, clubs, churches, and second homes, and so on. People have moved around the country more as well and so it's no surprise that we have come to know more people.

Even with all these contacts, it's common for people to feel more alone and disconnected from others than before. Perhaps that's because one simply cannot stay connected to so many people. As a result of having so many connections, our conversations with them tend to be brief and shallow. Think about this: who do you *really know* at work, in your neighborhood, or at church? Have you taken time recently to have a real conversation with your spouse or your children? Blame it on the rush of life. Blame it on the sheer number of people around us. But whatever the cause, many people feel that they are drifting apart from others.

To have a lasting, meaningful relationship with someone means taking the time for real conversation to share more than just short, shallow thoughts.

This is true of our relationship with God as well. If you are feeling disconnected from Him, it may be that you've only taken the minimum time to hear a few sentences rather than truly listening to what He has to say. You may also feel that He doesn't know you because you haven't really shared with Him what's important to you. Yes, He's God and He knows everything, but you can't have a relationship with a mere database of information.

The best place to have real conversation with God is where He is speaking through His written and spoken Word. Really listen to what He has to say, and then listen to and speak with other Christians about it. You will not only find a true friend in Jesus who knows all about you, listens to you, and speaks to you, but in the process you will also find real connections to others like yourself.

Conversation with God through listening to Him and speaking with Him cannot happen when you merely slip in and slip out for an

hour of worship. Instead, really getting to know God and believing that He really knows you happens when Christians spend time with one another around His Word and doing His work.

Really! I'm telling you this not only because it's part of God's promise, but also because I've seen it to be true for me and for hundreds of others. "Christian conversation" is essential to knowing God and to having real friendships that will last, quite literally, forever.

**Welcome to Pastor Mike Hart** as our new Visitation Pastor! Pastor Hart recently moved to Mankato from St. Charles where he served St. Matthew Lutheran Church. He moved to Mankato with his wife, a professor at MSU. Pastor Hart is visiting our shut-ins monthly and helping with visits to our Mankato hospital. Everyone can meet and welcome Pastor Hart on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> when he will be our Sunday preacher.

### **Coming to St. Peter, MN – "Faith and Fellowship"**

Watch the Sunday bulletins this month for information about a "faith and fellowship" group forming in St. Peter. Members and friends from all three Mankato LCMS congregations will be invited to a weekly Bible study and fellowship hour. The first gathering will be at 7 p.m., Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> (Luther's birthday!). The location in St. Peter will be announced soon. Please express your interest by attending this first meeting or speaking with Pastor Lauer since the size of the group will determine future locations, times, study topics, and more!

**"Ask the Pastor!"** Once again Pastor Lauer will hold an open Question/Answer forum on Monday, November 7th beginning at 7 p.m. for everyone and anyone. Bring those questions you've been meaning to ask about faith and life according to God's Word. In previous sessions we've talked about angels, predestination, marriage to Catholics, suicide, and more. Come with questions or come just to listen. You can send Pastor Lauer your questions to get a more thorough answer or you may ask your questions on-the-spot to test his quick thinking. If we get too many question, more sessions can be scheduled.



## **BAPTISMS**

Tobias Allen Luiken  
Born: September 12, 2011  
Baptized: October 2, 2011

Isaac Francis Ristow  
Born: September 6, 2011  
Baptized: October 2, 2011

Sophia Marie Klossner  
Born: May 13, 2011  
Baptized: October 2, 2011

Jace Matthew Gessner  
Born: July 22, 2011  
Baptized: October 23, 2011

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## **MEMBERSHIP CHANGES**

### **Accessions:** October 2011

Tim Forbrook, Affirmation of Faith, October 3, 2011  
Richard Hedin, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Hutchinson,  
MN; LCMS; October 20, 2011

### **Losses:** October 2011

Troy Glaubitz; Zion Lutheran Church, Lake Crystal, MN;  
ELCA; October 5, 2011  
Barbara Fennern, Timothy [age 2]; Bethel Lutheran Church,  
Rochester, MN; ELCA; October 11, 2011  
Zachary Lien, Austin [age 6], William [age 4], Wyatt [age 3];  
Trinity Lutheran Church, Janesville, MN; LCMS;  
October 24, 2011

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*Daylight Saving time ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday,  
November 6. Remember to set your clocks back  
one hour Saturday night, November 5.*

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*Join us in worship for Thanksgiving on:*  
Wednesday, November 23 at 6 p.m.  
Thursday, November 24 at 9 a.m.

*Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.*  
*Psalm 136:1*

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## **Advent Worship**

begins Wednesday, November 30  
and will continue each  
Wednesday through December 21  
at 1:30 in the afternoon  
and 6:00 in the evening

*Fellowship time with coffee and dessert will be  
served following the afternoon service*

*Supper will be served before the  
evening service from 4:45 – 5:45*

Plan to join us as we prepare for the birth of  
our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

**Our Savior Lutheran Church  
Planning Council Minutes  
Tuesday, October 11, 2011**

**Present:** Gene Mensing, Matt Brand, Gregg Marg, Pastor Lauer, Larry Hansen, Kenneth Polzin, Ruth Mackie, Kathy Whitehead, Dianne Schmidt, Art Blomquist, Garry Streich, Denise Painter

**President Gene Mensing** called the meeting to order.

**Pastor Lauer** opened with prayer.

**There was no** congregation/Public Presentations.

**There were no** Additions to the agenda.

**Previous September Council Minutes:** Corrections- Board Sharing: The Board of Endowment not the Deacons reported on the land for sale; Trustees not the Elders reported on the computers. The minutes were approved as corrected.

**Treasurer's Report** by Matt Brand: September 2011 receipts \$29,623.21, expenses \$35,551.3 = -\$5928.15. The treasurer's report was approved as submitted.

**Pastor's Report: Congregational-** Pastor Mike Hart is now serving as Our Savior's Visitation Pastor as of last Friday, October 7. Pastor Bob Hines and Anna have transferred to Centennial Lutheran Church, Henderson, MN where he has been serving as pastor. Pastor and interested families will meet in November to discuss interest in a St. Peter congregation. **Circuit:** Pastor Lauer attended the Fall Pastor's Conference Monday and Tuesday, October 10 and 11. **District:** President Dr. Lane Seitz will not run again for election as president at the summer 2012 District convention. He has served as president since 1991. Our congregation can be represented by Pastor and 1 appointed lay delegate. The council decided the lay delegate should be decided by the November meeting.

**Old Business:** Gary Streich reported on the Financial Review of the church's General Fund, Dedicated Fund, and Endowment Fund. The financial records and expense receipts for the church have been well maintained. Some minor recommendations and suggestions were made. They are thankful for the treasurers that have faithfully served the church. The report and recommendations follows these minutes. Gene thanked Garry Streich and Gary Schuft for the work on the Financial Review.

**2012 Budget:** Matt Brand still needs budgets submitted from the Board of Deacon's which includes Human Care, Stewardship, Fellowship and

Outreach, and the Youth Committee which should be included under the Board of Education. Denise Painter will contact the Youth Committee for their budget.

**New Business:** A date for the November Voter's meeting was discussed with the decision being made for Sunday, November 20, 2011. The church will be used for elections on Tuesday, November 8, which moves the Planning Council meeting to Tuesday, November 15. The following Sunday is the 20<sup>th</sup>. A meal was discussed. The Youth Committee will be contacted to see if they are planning their annual meal. The meeting time will be determined after that discussion. The agenda at this time includes minutes of the last meeting and elections. All Boards regular reports for this meeting are due to Sue Hendrickson by Friday, November 4.

**Board Sharing:**

**Deacons** 1. A coffee machine is going to be purchased for the kitchen. The Trustees will consult with them and make the purchase. 2. The Stewardship Committee asked if the Thanksgiving offering could be considered to be used for donations to outside charities. The Council decided since it is a regular offering it will be included in the receipts of the General Fund.

**Board of Education** 1. Fall Festival is Friday, October 28. Trunks are needed for the annual Trunk or Treat. This is a family event. 2. On Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> the Family Ministry Committee is sponsoring a "Traveling Lighter", time-management workshop. Marilyn Sharpe is the guest speaker. 3. Sunday school attendance in October was in the mid to high 80's, up from September. 2 people have volunteered to teach Jr. High after Ruth finishes the Crossways course with them.

**Elder's** 1. Mel Hendrickson volunteered to serve on the call committee as a member at large. The Elder's decided it may be considered a conflict of interest with his wife Sue as the church secretary. So there are 4 members at large. The first call committee meeting will be Wednesday, October 19 with President Seitz.

Gene Mensing received a letter from Reverend Greg Heidorn, a son of our congregation, now serving as Pastor in Rochester, MN. He has an opportunity to teach in the Ukraine from February 18 to March 10, 2012. He is asking for donation for this mission trip. The Council decided to do a door offering on a Sunday with the announcement being made the Sunday before. The information will also be passed to the Endowment Board.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: Denise Painter for Jan Taplin, Secretary

## OSLC Treasurer's Report Commentary Period Ending September 30, 2011

This report is Year-to-Date as of September 30, 2011. It includes the following documents: Income & Expense Report by Account, Balance Sheet by Account, and Bank Account Balances Less Dedicated reports.\* The September 2011 bank statement was reconciled on October 5, 2011 and the month was closed on October 5, 2011. An Accounts Balance Trend graph is attached.

Income & Expense Report by Account:

Total receipts for the month were \$29,623.21; this includes \$3,148.00.00 from Joyful Response. Expenses for the month totaled \$35,551.36, resulting in a negative cash flow of \$5928.15.

General Fund performance is presented in the following table. The difference between the disbursements and the expenses presented in the Income & Expense Report by Account is the LCEF loan principle reduction which is reflected in the Balance Sheet.

### 2011 Ahead/(Behind) Calculation

	Current Month		Y-T-D		L-T-D
Beginning Balance from 12/31/10					-\$73,964.51
Income-from Income & Exp. Report		\$29,623.21		\$350,873.99	
Expenses-from Inc. & Exp. Report	\$34,764.27		\$336,577.25		
Plus: LCEF Principal Reduction	\$787.09		\$6,726.69		
Total Expenses	\$35,551.36	-\$35,551.36	\$343,303.94	-\$343,303.94	
Ahead/(Behind) for cur month & Y-T-D		-\$5,928.15		\$7,570.05	\$7,570.05
Ahead/(Behind) Life-To-Date					-\$66,394.46

### Balance Sheet:

Assets		Current Value	Liabilities		Remaining Principal
Checking Account		\$33,781.07	Mortgage		\$190,405.17
Joyful Response		\$18,016.05	Dedicated Funds Payable		\$127,934.95
Music Fund		\$1,067.62	Current Liabilities		\$9,749.36
Library Fund		\$20,116.99	Wells Fargo Business Line		\$0.00
Dedicated Funds Receivable		\$0.00			
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$72,981.73</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$318,340.12</b>

Balance Sheet:

Bank Account Balances Less Dedicated:

All Dedicated Funds other than the LCEF accounts are included in the checking account and are used for cash flowing. Currently \$68,647.94 is owed to Dedicated Funds.

Respectfully submitted,  
Matt Brand

\*See reports on the "Church Information" bulletin board near the office

SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2011  
11:45 A.M.

A special voters meeting was held at Our Saviors Lutheran Church on September 25, 2011

69 voters were in attendance

Chairman Gene Mensing called the meeting to order.

Pastor opened with prayer

Resolution 11.002 from the Board of Elders was presented regarding calling an associate pastor. The proposed duties of the pastor were handed out to the voters. Motion was seconded. Several questions were asked and answered. A secret ballot was conducted and motion carried with 66 votes in favor and 3 votes opposing the calling of a second pastor.

Discussion of hiring a Youth Coordinator was discussed. This person is expected to be a member of the Mankato community, possibly a college student looking for part time work. It would be someone that is familiar with text messaging, facebook and other avenues of communication that the youth use today.

A Call Committee was set up: The Board of Elders, Larry Willett, Hal Natvig, Jo Eversman, Judd Schultz and Mel Hendrickson, if it is determined to not be a conflict of interest.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Jan Taplin

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**IN MEMORIAM**

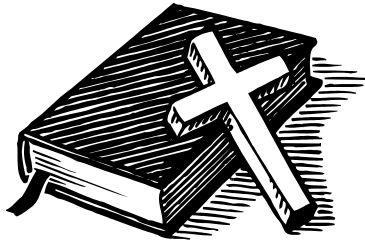


Ruth Therese Yaeger  
September 29, 2011



Leah Russ  
October 10, 2011

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*The third graders of  
Our Savior's Sunday School  
will receive their new Bibles  
during the 10:30 worship service  
on Sunday, November 20.*

*They are:*

*Khia Buesing  
Carson Deichman  
Julia James  
Caleb Mead  
Addie Musolf  
Gabriela Musolf  
Dominic Schmidt  
Devan Thomas  
Andy Wendinger  
Katelyn Wilson*

*Please keep these young students –  
and all who are learning of  
the love of God in Christ Jesus ~  
in your prayers.*



## ***Thanksgiving Baskets***

The Human Care Committee will provide Thanksgiving baskets at 2 p.m. Monday, November 21 in the Fireplace room for the needy members of Our Savior. A table for collection of non-perishable food items, detergents, paper and personal care items will be in the Narthex November 6 – 20. A Committee member will be available to accept and refrigerate fresh vegetables and fruits, milk and eggs on Sunday, November 20. Anyone needing a basket must call Evie at 388-4812. If there is no answer, leave a message. Cash donations may be made to Our Savior designated for Thanksgiving Baskets. Thank you for your past and present donations.

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### ***Human Care Committee***

#### ***Missionaries to pray for in November***

Joshua Lange, Asia  
Joyce Erber, Nigeria  
Julie Lutz, Papua New Guinea  
Mark Eisold, Peru



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#### ***Prayer Shawl Ministry***

A ***Prayer Shawl***, simply put, is a soft warm shawl, knitted or crocheted, which is given to persons who are ill, have suffered a loss, or are in the midst of a crisis. Shawls . . . made for centuries are universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving God.

***If you know of anyone*** that you would like to receive a prayer shawl, please contact Human Care Committee member Jane Emich at 947-3226.

# Notes from the Sunday School



Dear Friends of Our Savior's Sunday School,  
Generally lost in the shuffle between Halloween (on which Americans now spend three *billion* dollars each year) and Thanksgiving is All Saints' Day. It is an important festival of the Church because it reminds us of who we are. Martin Luther wrote, "It's a pity that it's forgotten that we are saints, for to do so is to forget Christ and baptism." Sainthood is not earned by exemplary behavior. It is conferred to all those whose sins have been washed away in the blood of the Lamb, our Lord Jesus Christ. It is not an achievement. It is a gift. We are God's holy ones - already! Each of us is individually designed by our Creator, not just to sit on a shelf, but to fulfill a purpose in His world. How shall we "unwrap" this gift? Guided and nourished by His Word and the sacraments, we grow in understanding, in service, and in all the fruits of the Spirit (which include love, joy, patience, and self-control). We *become* what God has already made us to be. Our Christian education - through worship and individual and group Bible study - are vital instruments in that growth. You are a saint! With God's help and blessing, *become what you are!*

## **Little Lambs Lessons for November:**

*Parents:* *All these stories can be found in your child's Read and Learn Bible so that you can enjoy them all week long!*

November 6:               Jonah and the Big Fish  
November 13:             Daniel and the Lions  
November 20:            The Angel in the Fire  
November 27:            *Advent Event*

## **K-5 Lessons for November:**

- November 6: The Passover/Crossing the Red Sea  
November 13: God Provides in the Wilderness  
November 20: The Ten Commandments  
November 27: *Advent Event*

## **Grade 6 Lessons for November:**

- November 6: Faith in Action (Revelation)  
November 13: Jesus' Family Tree  
November 20: God's Promises Fulfilled

**Third grade** will finish their Bible overview course this month and receive their new Bibles in worship on November 20; and the **junior high** will finish their timeline course just in time for Advent! ☺

**What are you doing between services?** We encourage all Sunday School parents to stick around while their children are in Sunday School. If you haven't checked out the parent room yet, please stop in. It's a great place to connect with other parents and browse through some family resources. We've recently added the Concordia Sex Education Series and highly recommend it for parents who are looking for a Christian approach to this important topic. The parent room is located just off the east entrance to the building.

**Advent Event:** In all the rush to Christmas, Advent is sometimes the forgotten season of the Church Year, but it is rich with hope and anticipation. Start your Advent season with us on Sunday, November 27, during the Sunday School hour.

**Christmas is coming fast!** Please watch your mailbox this month for all the information you'll need about our Advent and Christmas activities. However, please mark your calendar now: the Children's Christmas Service is scheduled for *Saturday, December 17 at 6:00 p.m.* - and rehearsals will be on *December 3, 10, and 17, from 10:00-11:30.*

**K.I.D.S. Program:** Don't forget to check in at the KIDS table regularly for KIDS savings stamps! KIDS is a wonderful way to practice "share, save, spend" to the glory of God!

**Memory Work Tip:** It's not too late to start this year's memory work with your child. An easy way to do memory work with young children is to include it in your bedtime routine each night. Start on Sunday and your little one will say it back to you by Wednesday!

**Offering News:** Thank you for your gifts so far this year! Our offerings are designated for the ECHO Food Shelf through the month of November to help feed the many struggling families in our community in Jesus' name.

**Sunday School Staff Meetings This Month:**

*K-5:* Sunday, November 13 - 11:45 a.m.

*Grade 6:* Sunday, November 6 - 11:45 a.m.

*Little Lambs and Junior High team meetings will be scheduled with the appropriate staff.*

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***Lost Sheep***

The following is a list of people who we are unable to locate. If anyone knows any of these individuals, please ask them to contact the church office at 385-2180 with their current address and phone number. Thank you for your assistance.

Jeffrey Bode  
Kari Gilbertson  
Avery Lindmeyer  
Steve Morrison

Gregory Nichols  
Tera Volk  
Tyler, Taylor, Thomas



Join us for the  
**Advent Event** –  
activities to help families  
observe the season of Advent  
and prepare for Christmas  
**Sunday, November 27**  
**9:15 a.m.**  
**Chapel**

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### **Lutheran Laymen's League / Young at Heart**

LLL/YAH will meet Monday, November 7 at 1:30 p.m. in the Fireplace room. Everyone is welcome to join us for a program, snack and fellowship.

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### **Evangelism Committee**

Free cab rides to services are made possible for our members through Our Savior's Taxi Fund. To procure a ride, call KATO CAB at 388-7433. Please call a half hour before you would like to leave. To call for a return ride, you may use the phone in the office or kitchen. Please dial 9 before you enter the number. Let Kato Cab know where you will be waiting—the front door on Broad Street or the back door on Adams Street. Thank you.



## *From the Stewardship Committee*

November is a popular month for many Americans. In the farm belt most of the crops have been harvested and stored safely away. In other areas snow has already fallen and skiers are anxious to head for the hills to get an early start on the new ski season. Sports fans are treated to a large number of college and professional football games. But perhaps the best thing about November is **THANKSGIVING DAY**.

Christians love to join together with fellow Christians and sing hymns of harvest and thanksgiving like:

*“Come, ye thankful people come; raise the song of harvest-home.  
All be safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.  
Come to God’s own temple, come; raise the song of harvest-home.”*  
(TLH, 574, v 1)

Christians and Lutheran Christians, in particular, recall how Dr. Martin Luther explained the meaning of the petition **“Give us this day our daily bread.”** Luther said that **“God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all wicked people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.”** He then went on to explain what is meant by daily bread with these words: **“Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and wants of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.”**

That’s quite a list of things for which to be thankful. We enjoy these many blessings because two things that God delights in doing are **“loving and giving.”** This is stated so clearly in the well-known words of John 3:16 (NIV): **“God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”**

St. Paul, by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, penned these words in Romans 8:31-32 (NIV): **“He [God] who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all—how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?”**

A suggestion for Christians each morning is to pray, **“Thank You, Lord, for the gifts of life, health, work, family, friends, home, daily bread and this new day. Bless and protect us this day in all our activities, travels, work and play.”**

One of the best benefits that comes with **thanksgiving** is **thanksgiving** that shows up as we freely and joyfully manage all of life and life’s resources for God’s purposes. That is Christian stewardship in the best sense of the word.

Happy Thanksgiving!



### **Sunday Morning Breakfast**

*Breakfast will be served Sunday mornings from 8:45 – 9:15. Each group will be collecting a free-will donation to help cover the cost of serving the breakfast. The following groups will be serving in November:*

November 6:	Board of Education
November 13:	Kids Praise!
November 20:	LWML
November 27:	Rolls/Donuts

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### **Wednesday Night Meals**

*Meals will be served each Wednesday from 4:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. A free will donation will be accepted. (Suggested donation of \$3 per person.) Choir members, Confirmation students and families, everyone is welcome. Come for a convenient, nutritious meal.*

### **Menu for November:**

November 2:	Sub Sandwiches
November 9:	Tacos
November 16:	Pizza
November 23:	No Meal
November 30:	To be Announced

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**Articles for the December *VOICE* are due by Wednesday, November 23, at 4 p.m.**

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# Music Notes



By all your saints in warfare, For all your saints at rest,  
Your holy name, O Jesus, Forevermore be blest!  
For You have won the battle That they might wear the crown;  
And now they shine in glory Reflected from Your throne.

## *November Worship Music Schedule:*

- November 6: *All Saints Day*  
Adult Choir
- November 13: Strings  
Sunday School Grades 1-8
- November 20: Kids Praise!
- November 23: *Thanksgiving Eve*  
Pears of Praise, Brass Ensemble
- November 24: *Thanksgiving Day*  
Adult Choir, Brass Ensemble
- November 27: Jubilate
- November 30: 1:30 - Christus Choir  
6:00 - Melia Bohm, piano

*November and December are holiday (“holyday”) time!* Our regular groups will keep at it during these happy and busy months, but we will soon be pulling together our short-term “Christmas Choir” and “Christmas Bells” for Christmas Eve and looking for children, teens, and adults to participate in the pre-service recitals before the Children’s Christmas Service on December 17 and the Christmas Eve services. If you would like to participate in a holiday ensemble or recital, please let Ruth know.

*Christus Choir* will rehearse on Wednesday, November 16, at 10:00 a.m. - and this time we will be getting serious about our Advent music. ☺ We welcome any adults who are available for daytime rehearsals and services to join us!

*Wednesday Rehearsal Schedules change* when Advent services begin on November 30. Christus Choir will rehearse at 12:15 on November 30 and will adjust its meeting time as the season progresses. Adult Choir will meet immediately following the

evening service, approximately 6:45, and Peals of Praise will meet at 8:00. Other changes will kick in as the Christmas Choir and Christmas Bells start rehearsing. Stay tuned ☺ - and if you have questions, please feel free to give Ruth a call. (Kids Praise! families can just keep on keepin' on - no changes for your schedule. ☺)

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## **Widowed to Widowed**

Widowed to Widowed will meet in the Fireplace room at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, November 14 for potluck and Bible Study. Good News issue 33, pages 8 – 9 will be discussed. If a ride is needed, call 388-4812.

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## *Christmas Decorating*

November 27 we will decorate the church following the 10:30 service. Please consider volunteering to help make our church beautiful for Advent and Christmas. All help will be much appreciated. A light lunch of chili, sandwiches and dessert will be served.

The decorations will be taken down on January 8, 2012. Contact Chuck Fitzloff with any questions, 625-1015.

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Being with Jesus



Living on the Edge

Acts 4:13b & 20

Thanks Giving

November 2011

Thanks Living

\* Women at Our Savior \*

**Goal Statement:** Empowered by being with Jesus, I courageously speak of Him and live a life transformed by His love.

**Banner Logo Explanation:** The cross is at the center of “being with Jesus” because it’s the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross that assures we will always “be with Jesus.” The rays behind the cross symbolize the response of those with Jesus to “live on the edge” with Him as they spread the new of “the things which we have seen and heard.” The words “Jesus” and “Living “ remind us with just a quick glance that Jesus is alive! Because He is alive, we live also, eternally.

### ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER, PLAN TO PARTICIPATE WHERE AND WHEN YOU CAN:

**Wednesday, November 2** – 6:30 p.m. LWML Executive Board at Church

**Thursday, November 3** – 1:00 p.m. Ruth Circle

**Wednesday, November 16** – Mission Service at Church

**Sunday, November 20** – Serve Sunday Breakfast

**Sunday, November 20** – Mites for Missions – Mite Box

**Monday, November 21** – 7 p.m. Lydia Circle

Watch bulletin for times for Mary and Rebekah Circles

**Sunday, November 27** – 11:30 a.m. Decorate at Church. Lunch to follow

**Wednesday, November 30** – Fellowship time following afternoon Advent worship served by Ruth Circle

\***This Month:** Gifts for St. Peter Regional Treatment Center

\* **Apply Now** to be Young Women Representative at the “Extreme You Makeover” on June 22-24

### COMING UP:

**Thursday, December 1** – Christmas at Bethany Concert/Dinner

**Wednesday, December 7** – Fellowship time following afternoon Advent worship served by Rebekah Circle

**Wednesday, December 14** – Fellowship time following afternoon Advent worship served by Mary Circle

**Wednesday, December 21** – Fellowship time following afternoon Advent worship served by Lydia Circle

**GRANT PROPOSALS** are due by January 15, 2012.

**YOUNG WOMEN REPRESENTATIVES:** Application forms are available now to be sent to Zone President by February 1.

**ZONE/DISTRICT** needs officers.

**CARD SHOP:** Christian Wedding, Anniversary and Birthday cards are available all the time. Individual cards, boxes of cards and other new items are added often. Thanks for your support.

**MISSION SERVICE:** Next work night is Wednesday, November 16 at 7 p.m. You are important. Your prayers, your donated items and your assistance help the needy here in Mankato and globally. Contact Marcella Eilders, 388-9185, or Rhonda Rastedt, 389-9726, for information.

**COME TO A BIBLE STUDY:** Come to the one that fits your time schedule. Give a call to the leader. Enjoy the fellowship and study of God's Word.

Ruth Circle – Joan Peterman, 388-6545, 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 1 p.m.

Mary Circle – Julie Schlichting, 388-7533, 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 2 p.m.

Rebekah Circle – Jean Fiskey, 388-6380, 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 1 p.m.

Lydia Circle – Kathy Johnson, 344-8609, 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 7 p.m.

**THE QUARTERLY MAGAZINE AND WOM** are for all ladies of the church. Large print is also available for the Quarterly.

**MITES ARE MIGHTY!** MITE BOXES are available in Card Shop.

**WOMAN TO WOMEN:** KSUM or KDHL on Sundays.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO VOLUNTEER,** Kathy Johnson, 344-8609. Registrations for LWML membership, contact our Secretary, Dolly Blomquist, 388-4594 or Marion Brunz, 625-5207.

**MUCH MORE LWML INFORMATION** on their websites:

[www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org) and [www.mnslwml.org](http://www.mnslwml.org)



*Our first priority is to seek the Lord to fill us with His Spirit personally and then we will be able to share his Word in our own families. Yes, home, and then the neighborhood and continue reaching out.*

*Sometimes it seem as if we are sending the Word to other nations and not using it effectively with our own families and friends.*

*LWML mission is to assist each of us in affirming our relationship with our Triune God so we are able to share this Good News with others.*

**Share the Good News of Jesus in everyday situations.**

**Pray for God's guidance for the work of Lutheran Women in Mission**



***Christmas at Bethany***  
***Thursday, December 1, 2011***  
Seating best by 3:30 p.m.

***Dinner at the Bethany Cafeteria after the concert***  
***(Pay at the door)***

Tickets are free but your reservation is required  
A sign-up sheet is on the LWML Bulletin board or on a clip  
board in the Narthex  
Contact Trudy Wiechmann, 507-327-7082,  
for more information

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Christmas Gifts for  
St. Peter Regional Treatment Center  
*will be collected this month. The unwrapped gifts may be  
put in the box in the Card Shop*

*There is a green sheet in the narthex listing ideas for the  
patient's gifts*

*Seventy percent of the clients do not hear from family or  
friends. Therefore, your gift brings happiness and love and  
is appreciated*

Clothing \* Slippers \* Hygiene Items \* Alarm Clocks  
Watches \* Craft Kits \* Pen/Pencils/Markers/Crayons  
Wallets \* Word Search Books \* Suduko Books  
Winter Hats/Gloves for Men



## LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

*People Of Christ With The Message Of Hope*

Advent Devotions, *Transforming This Christmas*, from Lutheran hour ministries can be found at [www.adventdevotions.net](http://www.adventdevotions.net).

Written by Pastor Wayne Palmer, LHM's theological editor and writer, these seasonal devotions puts the brightness back into this glorious season. We are reminded it's not about our gift-giving. Rather, it's all about God's Gift-giving: His perfect, sinless Son, born in a manger, to save us and give us life eternal.

Available to read online, to hear as a podcast, or receive as an e-mail subscription throughout the Advent season. The written devotions are available now and the audio version will begin November 27.

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### *Grief and the Holidays*

The holidays, especially the first ones after a loved one's death, can be especially difficult for a person who is grieving. In addition, friends and family members may be unsure how to act or what to say to support their grieving loved ones during this time of the year.

Mayo Clinic Health System Hospice is sponsoring a seminar entitled *Grief and the Holidays*. The program will explore grief issues, ways to help those who are grieving and offer suggestions for new ways to enjoy the holiday season. It is being offered on November 9 from 10-11:30 a.m. and on November 14 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Both programs will be held at Snell Community Room, 1900 Madison Avenue East, Mankato.

*Grief and the Holidays* is offered free of charge and is open to the public. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register please contact Jeanne Atkinson, Bereavement Coordinator at 385-2989.

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**NOVEMBER 2011**

**OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH, MANKATO, MINNESOTA**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Sunday Matins</b> is aired at 8:03 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. each Sunday on KTOE.</p> <p><b>Our Savior's Worship Service</b> is aired Monday at 8:15 p.m. and Wednesday at 2 p.m. on CCTV.</p>		<p><i>All Saints' Day</i> 1</p> <p>4:00 Human Care Committee</p> <p>7:00 All Boards</p>	<p>2</p> <p>4:45 Meal</p> <p>5:00 Kids Praise!</p> <p>6:00 Jr. Confirmation</p> <p>6:30 Peals of Praise</p> <p>6:30 LWML Executive Board</p> <p>7:30 Adult Choir</p>	<p>3</p> <p>1:00 Ruth Circle</p> <p>6:30 Thrivent Meeting</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p> <p>8:00 Worship with Communion</p> <p>8:45 Breakfast</p> <p>9:15 Sunday School</p> <p>9:30 Adult Bible Class</p> <p>9:30 Youth Bible Class</p> <p>10:30 Worship with Communion</p> <p>11:45 Grade 6 Sunday School Staff</p> <p>6:00 Worship with Communion</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:15 Early Bird Bible Study</p> <p>1:30 LLL/YAH</p> <p>7:00 Ask the Pastor</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:00 Planning Council</p>	<p>9</p> <p>4:45 Meal</p> <p>5:00 Kids Praise!</p> <p>6:00 Jr. Confirmation</p> <p>6:30 Peals of Praise</p> <p>7:30 Adult Choir</p>	<p>10</p> <p>5:00 Wedding Rehearsal</p> <p>6:00 Groom's Dinner</p> <p>7:00 Faith &amp; Fellowship in St. Peter</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:00 Bissonette/Hedin Wedding</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p> <p>8:00 Worship</p> <p>8:45 Breakfast</p> <p>9:15 Sunday School</p> <p>9:30 Adult Bible Class</p> <p>9:30 Youth Bible Class</p> <p>9:30 Faith 5 Parent Presentation</p> <p>10:30 Worship</p> <p>11:45 K-5 Sunday School Staff</p> <p>6:00 Worship</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:15 Early Bird Bible Study</p> <p>9:00 Quilting</p> <p>11:30 Widowed to Widowed</p> <p>6:00 Lasting Imprint Support Group</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:00 Call Committee</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:00 Christus Choir</p> <p>4:45 Meal</p> <p>5:00 Kids Praise!</p> <p>6:00 Jr. Confirmation</p> <p>6:30 Peals of Praise</p> <p>7:00 Mission Service</p> <p>7:30 Adult Choir</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p> <p>8:00 Worship with Communion</p> <p>8:45 Breakfast</p> <p>9:15 Sunday School</p> <p>9:30 Adult Bible Class</p> <p>9:30 Youth Bible Class</p> <p>9:45 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Presentation Reception</p> <p>10:30 Worship with Communion</p> <p>11:45 Traditional Meal</p> <p>12:30 Annual Meeting</p> <p>6:00 Worship with Communion</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6:15 Early Bird Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 Lydia Circle</p>	<p>22</p> <p>1:00 Bible Study</p> <p>1:00 Rebekah Circle</p>	<p>23</p> <p>4:00 The Voice Deadline</p> <p>6:00 Thanksgiving Eve Worship</p>	<p>24</p> <p><i>Thanksgiving Day</i></p> <p><b>OFFICE CLOSED</b></p> <p>9:00 Thanksgiving Worship</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10:00 Eagle Scout Court of Honor</p>
<p>27</p> <p>8:00 Worship</p> <p>8:45 Breakfast</p> <p>9:15 Family Advent Event</p> <p>9:30 Adult Bible Class</p> <p>9:30 Youth Bible Class</p> <p>10:30 Worship</p> <p>11:30 Decorate for Christmas</p> <p>6:00 Worship</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:15 Early Bird Bible Study</p> <p>9:00 Quilting</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>12:15 Christus Choir</p> <p>1:30 Advent Worship</p> <p>4:45 Meal</p> <p>5:00 Kids Praise!</p> <p>6:00 Advent Worship</p> <p>6:00 Jr. Confirmation</p> <p>7:00 Adult Choir</p> <p>8:00 Peals of Praise</p>			

## Serving in November

Date	Elder of the Day	Communion Team		Assistant Usher		Usher Team		Organ-ist	Acolyte		Greeter		Breakfast
		8:00	10:30	8:00	10:30	8:00	10:30		8:00	10:30	8:00	10:30	
11/6/2011	Roger M.	A Early	A Late	Gary R.	Dianne S.	1st Early	1st Late	Ruth	Eric H.; Levi M.	KaNeesha Y; Christina H.	James & Barbara L.; Marcella E.	Carl & Kathy F.; John & Lu G.	Bd of Education
11/13/2011	Gregg M.			Gordy W.	Dianne S.	2nd Early	2nd Late	Barb	Ben W.; Aaron B.	Bailey L.; Jesse H.	Bill & Nancy M.; Marcella E.	Carl & Kathy F.; John & Lu G.	Kids Praise!
11/20/2011	Matt R.	B Early	B Late	Kevin H.	Steve J.	3rd Early	3rd Late	Edith	Blake K.; Kara B.	Leah H.; Liz T.	Bill & Nancy M.; Dave N.	Kurt & Jeanne A.; Roger & Betty M.	LWML
11/23/2011 <i>Thanksgiving Eve</i>	[6pm] _____			[6pm] Steve J.		[6pm] 4th Early		Edith	[6pm] Kelsey N.		[6pm] Tom & Nancy B.		none
11/24/2011 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	[9am] _____			[9am] David B.		[9am] 4th Late		Edith			[9am] James & Barbara L.		none
11/27/2011	Russ J.			Gary R.	David B.	4th Early	4th Late	Ruth	Hailey W.; Kelsey N.	Mindy P.; Thomas F.	Steve & Kathy B.; David N.	Kurt & Jeanne A.; Roger & Betty M.	Rolls/ Donuts
11/30/2011 <i>1st Wed. in Advent</i>	[6pm] Russ J.			[6pm] Gordy W.		[6pm] 1st Early		Ruth	[6pm] Christina H.		[1:30] Larry & Jan D.	[6pm] Steve & Kathy B.	none

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