

THE SEED

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

January 2011



NEW YEAR FOR US ALL

The new year is always an opportunity for me to have a new beginning. I hope that this year will be the year that I will loose the weight I have amassed over the previous decades. I hope I will read more books or see more movies that inspire and enlighten. I hope for . . . the litany could go on for quite awhile.

As a church, we have hopes – a new pastor, more outreach, dreams of what we could become. This litany could also go on for a long while.

One aspect they both share is the willingness to do something. I need to stop eating the volume or the substances. I need to search a bit more at the library or Netflix for my choices. You need to do something also – get involved.

One person said: pray like a saint and work like the devil. Prayer is an important aspect of our mission and ministry. But prayer alone won't make it happen. I can pray for a 10% growth in our budget next year. It also requires that I give my tithe and gifts to make it a reality. The choice is always ours. Will this be a new year for you and CLC? **TGBG – Pastor Paul**

Budget and Pledging 2011 – Council Increased Pledging 3 to 1

We have had a “disrupted” Budget and Pledging effort. Not that I expect that great changes are likely to be made even with the best Stewardship effort, but this year we have inadvertently allowed ourselves to go to the other extreme. Alright, that's our reality.

A handful of people have taken a pledge card and made a pledge. I don't have any stats to give you, but I still encourage you to fill out one of the green pledge cards and return it to the church. I like working on firm numbers when it comes time to make up a budget. The Council – by a 3 to 1 ratio - has indicated that they will be increasing their pledges. I hope that is emblematic for the congregation as a whole!

I have talked about our needs for next year. My “best guess” remains that it will take a 10% increase over our current budget to meet our hopes in 2011. This 10% would include the salary we need to call a new pastor, provide for a part time secretary and give minimal raises to the staff.

Our budget this year is \$166k. It will take about \$6-9k over what we are currently paying the interim (and former pastor) to pay for the new pastor (salary and benefits). It will cost about \$6k to hire a part time secretary. To offer even minimal raises to our staff (Music director and cleaners 1st, Financial Secretary and Keyboardist 2nd), we will need \$3k.

Your pledge is important. Your pledge is the basis upon which we begin to build next year's budget. To be blunt, if we don't have sufficient pledges, we might as well stop the call process. We shouldn't offer what we can't afford. Your pledges will determine what the Council will propose in the 2011 budget.

Pray for our future – always! - and pledge as you are able.

Financial streak ended

While our financial outlook has improved over the past several months, our streak of positive income months ended with November. We put together 3 months in a row (Sept. – Oct.) – a first for this year! Unfortunately, November was negative. Your contributions, your tithes and offerings, are important to the mission and ministry of this church.

Interim Extended for a Month

The Council, at the request of the Bishop, voted to extend the Interim's contract for one month. Pastor Paul will be starting as an interim at another congregation in February. We will see probably a maintenance interim or a part time pastor care for the needs of the congregation until we call our next pastor. This is not anticipated to be very long, as the Bishop expects to have a candidate for us soon.

Give me a sense of humor, Lord

Give me the grace to see a joke,

To get some humor out of life , and pass it on to other folk



Council Members present: Tom Holte, Reth Stolberg, Joan Kammerlohr, Darrell Kruse, Pam Schuering, Bruce Holderbaum, David Tooke, Pastor Balaban, Jim Bailey

Absent: Sue McLennan

President Sue Reeder opened the business meeting at 6:35. Pastor Balaban led us in opening prayer.

Joan Kammerlohr provided the opening devotions and Pam Schuering will do devotions next month.

There were no announcements.

Minutes of the November 9th meeting were approved as written.

Reports of the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer:

The financial reports for October were discussed and approved subject to audit. Pastor Balaban and Robin will look into the family events expenses for the Learning Team.

Interim Pastor's Report:

1. There was good attendance at the joint Thanksgiving service with Luther Memorial.
2. He updated us on the "Open and Close Checklist" which is given to groups that meet in the church.
3. Adams replaced the modem on the computer. This work is under contract.
4. There may need to be some security measures taken with the church computer. Mel Dillman will pay to have a security system put on the computer. We may go to a G-mail system for publishing the Seed.
5. He suggested that we add a Finance Team as a regular ministry team.
6. Mary Shank is considering becoming our next Treasurer and report at the Council meetings. Income was down this month after three months of income over budget.
7. He discussed ways to get more of the congregation involved with the prayer process.
8. He will be taking vacation following Christmas.
9. He noted that Jodi Summy has requested a transfer to St. John's Lutheran. The Council moved to honor her request.
10. He discussed the electronic version of the Seed. Only one person has requested a written version to be sent home.

MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS:

Stewardship: We will need to increase our pledges 10% to have a new minister and secretary, plus pay raises for the custodian and music helpers. We now have a unified budget which includes the building fund.

Service: No report

Property: The men removed a tree from the Shank's yard. They gave a generous amount to the church for this service.

Worship: The "Hanging of the Greens" Advent service went nicely. Hymns are set through December 24th. They will meet on December 20th to pick hymns for December 26th and for January.

Witness: Reth again thanked everyone involved with the very successful Ploughman's lunch.

Learning: The teaching schedule was set for January. The students and other adults will sing Christmas carols at St. Vincent's home after late service on December 19th. That evening, Instant Christmas will start at 6:00 with cookies to follow.

Fellowship: Hanging of the Greens went well. There will be a church dinner on January 6, 2011.

Call Committee: Tom reported on the Call committee. They will ask more questions to get clear answers of the next candidate. He suggested that the call committee and council members meet with the candidate for dinner and not to invite all the spouses. He discussed the profile sheet. Pam had added some excellent comments. The Call committee will redo the profile sheet and resubmit it to the Bishop. We need to think about a strategic plan and established goals. They will meet on December 15th to look over this profile. The Bishop is hopeful that he will have a name for us soon.

Nominating Committee: The following have been nominated.

3 year terms: Donna Parke, Ashley Maas, Tricia Santos

1 year terms: Dick Klusmeyer, Joan Kammerlohr

A single 3 year nominee is needed as Bonnie Scranton withdrew. We have two possible candidates.

The council accepted all the reports.

Old Business: None

New Business: Pastor has printed information about the pledging process on the bulletins and in the Seed. He will remind parishioners to turn in their pledges soon.

The Annual Church Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 23 (at Noon) after the late service. The Council will meet directly after to elect officers and choose Team leaders. They will decide on a date for the Council Retreat at that time.

Teams need to be prepared to answer questions about their ministries, especially how they have spent their budget and any requests they have for 2011.

The Bishop has a significant need for Pastor Balaban to fill another Interim Pastor position. We approved a motion to extend Pastor Balaban's contract until the end of January.

Pastor spoke of some of the options we will have such as a maintenance Interim who would be here on Sundays and for Pastoral emergencies and/or a 1/2 time Interim Pastor.

It has been suggested that the next Trivia night be January 7th. A church cleanup may be Saturday, January 8th.

On December 24th, there will be Carols, Candles and Communion worship at 5 and 7 PM.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Kammerlohr

Next Council Meeting is January 11th at 6:30

Congregational Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Christ Lutheran Church has been called by the Council (at its December meeting) for Sunday, January 23, 2011 at noon. Following the meeting there will be a Special Council meeting to elect officers, appoint Team Liaisons and set a date to begin a Goal Setting and Vision Process. Council by constitution, is installed at the Sunday Worship following their election on January 30th at either worship. January 30th will also bring us a "Farewell and Godspeed" of Pastor Paul.



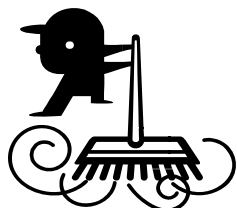
Trivia Night Bar-B-Q & Chip Night With all the fixins' Sunday, January 16th At 5:30 P.M.



Beef burgers, with chips, veggie tray, fresh fruit and some yummy desserts. We hope a good crowd will come out and join in the fun. Come out and see what it is all about. I promise you will want to join in and return again and again! It does become a little addictive, but good clean fun.

THIS WILL BE THE REMATCH WITH LUTHER MEMORIAL FOR THE TRAVELING TROPHY!!

SAVE THIS DATE



COME ONE COME ALL



On Saturday, January 8th, we will be having an indoor clean-up day at church. We will be cleaning out the sacristy, the kitchen, and store rooms of any non-essential "stuff" as well as doing general semi-annual indoor cleaning. Any and all help will be welcome. The more the merrier and the sooner the job will be completed with a big turnout.

TAKING DOWN THE GREENS

January 6, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.



On January 6th, we will be taking down the greens. The Fellowship Committee will be serving a Soup n' Sandwich meal for all volunteers.

And of course, there will be dessert. Please come out and join in fellowship, which will be enjoyed

*AVERAGE SUNDAY
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE
for January through December 20*



42 Weeks 2010	84
50 Weeks 2009	102



BOOKS & BREW

Greetings for the New Year! We will be meeting Tuesday, January 25th at 6:00 p.m. at Panera. Our book for discussion is "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett. This is a deeply moving novel filled with poignancy, humor, and hope. "The Help" is a timeless and universal story about the lines we abide by, and the ones we don't. If you're interested, please come join us!



WORSHIP TRAINING

January 5th & 13th have been scheduled on the calendar for the new Worship Training classes. "Reservations" requested so we can be prepared to lead the different training needs. Sign up via the worship info form on Sundays or leave a message in Pastor's mailbox. If no one signs up, then the class will not be held.



ELECTRONIC SEED

Last month was the first version of our electronic distribution (+ copies available at church and mail requests). About 50 members received the email notification that the Seed was available on our website. We printed 50 copies for pickup at church (32 still remain). Two people requested we send by mail. Two people made known their objection to having the Seed distributed this way.



- Lana Anderson would like to thank her friends at Christ Lutheran for the gift and card. It is also such a pleasure to play for this congregation.
- Daune McCulloch would like to thank Christ Lutheran in their thoughts of giving the gift and card as it was totally unexpected and much appreciated as I love doing whatever I can to help our congregation.
- Pastor Paul would like to thank the congregation for their generous gift as it will go a long way in funding a family present we are hoping to purchase. This is but one example of the wonderful generosity you have shown me throughout our ministry together.
- Pastor Paul would like to thank Trish Santos for the amazing Nativity Sets and the delicious candies she created!
- Pastor Paul thanks Daune McCulloch for having published the Seed for almost a year now and rarely complains about those last minute changes which sometimes put her behind.
- Thanks to Ashley Maas for her continued work in the office and creating our bulletins each week.



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Ron and Joan Larner will be taking over the scheduling of worship assistants from Bonnie Scranton beginning in February. If you have considered becoming an assisting minister, deacon, greeter, reader, sound system operator or usher, or if you would like to add an assistant's duties, please let either Ron or Joan know. They are looking for people to expand our field of worship assistants. They can be reached at rlarner@hughes.net or 257-9561 for Ron or jlarner@hughes.net or 222-0967 for Joan. The assistance of members of our congregation helps to make our worship service a great experience.

THE PERFECT



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BLOOD DRIVE

Sponsored by Christ Lutheran Church

Tuesday, January 11, 2011

1:00pm – 6:00pm

Christ Lutheran Church

333 S. 36th Street, Quincy

For an appointment, please call
Virgene Gilkerson (217) 223-3744
or 1-800-RED-CROSS
(1-800-733-2767)

*You may be eligible if you haven't donated since 11-16-10.
Please remember ID – Red Cross donor card or photo ID.*

Sandwiches served in the donor canteen.

January is National Blood Donor Month.

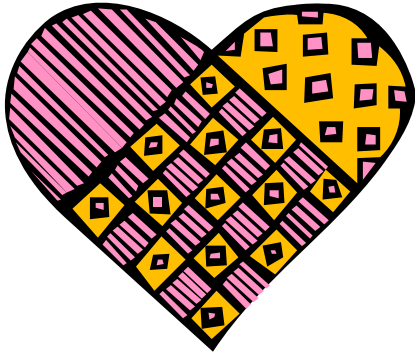


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**WE'RE HOPING THAT CHRIST LUTHERAN WILL SUPPORT THIS DRIVE
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100% of Profit is donated to Christ Lutheran Church Call Fund



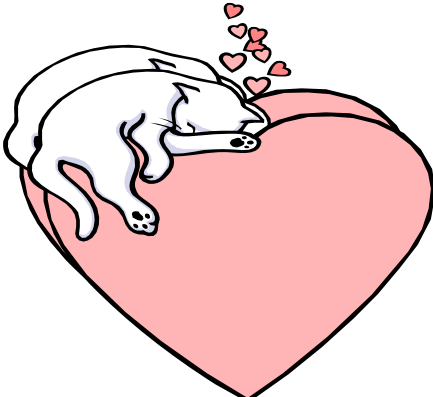
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Caramels & Cookies***



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WORSHIP LEADERS FOR JANUARY

	January 2	January 9	January 16	January 23	January 30
ASSISTING MINISTER 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Ron Lerner Jim Bailey	Sue Reeder Crystal Burnett	Bonnie Scranton Jerrri Klusmeyer	Pat Bell Joan Lerner	Tom Holte Jim Bailey
USHER 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Joan Lerner Dave Tooke	Stu Bell Joe Brinkman	Bill Wolters David Maas	Dick Tabb Nick Kruse	Bob Bolte Wendy Maas
READER 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Sue Tabb Ashley Maas	Pat Bell Amy Stollberg	Tom Holte Bill Shuler	Sue Reeder Bruce Holderbaum	Bonnie Scranton Kim Glasgow
NURSERY					
ACOLYTE					
GREETERS 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Tom & Nora Holte Wayne & Sue McLennan	Stuart & Kris Peters Reth & Jennifer Stollberg	Mel & Linda Dillman Bruce Holderbaum	Joanne Brubaker Dave & Wendy Maas	Virgene Gilkerson Nelson & Bernice Colgrove
DEACON 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Bruce Holderbaum Reth Stollberg	Bonnie Scranton Cheryl Brinkman	Ron Lerner Wayne McLennan	Sue Reeder Barb Rhinberger	Bonnie Scranton Crystal Burnett
SOUND SYSTEM 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Bill Wolters Andrew Maas	Stuart Peters Olin Shuler	Kathy Wolters Bruce Holderbaum	Bill Wolters Andrew Maas	Stuart Peters Olin Shuler
COFFEE HOUR	Group 5	Group 6	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3



If you have a birthday in January and your name does not appear on the following list, we would appreciate it if you would notify us so that we can complete our records.

January

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| 3 Erika Stollberg
Noah Hoff
5 Kent Alford
6 Shelby Hoff
8 Barb Rhinberger
11 Sarah Peters
12 Eric Conover
19 Brandi Ufkes
22 Lynn Hicks, Jr.
Bob Bolte
Phil Conover
Carrie Kimber | 23 Sue McLennan
24 Oneta Burner
Barb Hicks
26 John Bartlow
27 Lielei Wahlmann
28 Jennifer Stollberg
Patty Kruse
29 Karn Haubrich
30 Amy Franken
Stephanie Glore
Jeff Stollberg
31 Michael Wahlman |
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If you have a wedding anniversary in January and it does not appear below, please notify the church office.

January



POINSETTIAS

We thank the following for the beautiful flowers which have decorated our church this Advent and Christmas.

In memory of Mary Larner	By her family
In memory of our parents: Guy & Bernice Davis and Harry & Ruby Larner	By Ron & Joan Larner
In memory of Bill Gilkerson	By his family
In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Ward	By Virgene Gilkerson
In memory of Jennifer Lynn Bolte	By Bob Bolte
In memory of our parents	By Wayne & Sue McLennan
To the Glory of God	By Floyd & Joyce Leenerts
In memory of our parents: Joseph & Virginia Derwart and Stuart Bell	By Stu & Pat Bell
In memory of Bob Tofall	By Norma Tofall
In honor of her parents	By Conny Bakker
In memory of Loree Holte	By Tom & Nora Holte
In memory of Edwin & Edith Wolters	By Bill & Kathy Wolters
In memory of Dr. A.W. & Elizabeth Heimbeck	By Bill & Kathy Wolters
In memory of Woodrow Weber & Frank Kammerlohr	By Lee & Joan Kammerlohr
In honor of Delma Weber & Bergit Trautz	By Lee & Joan Kammerlohr
In memory of W.H. Klingner; C.A. & Mary Yoakum	By John & Edda Klingner
In memory of Richard Bernett	By Crystal Bernett
In honor of our daughters & their families	By Jerry & Mary Shank
In memory of Phil's parents, Bonnie's parents, and Bonnie's sisters	By Phil & Bonnie Conover
In honor of our children and grandchildren	By Phil & Bonnie Conover
In memory of Gerald & Virginia Stollberg	By Jeff & Amy Stollberg
In honor of Bruce & Kathy Bringer	By Jeff & Amy Stollberg
In memory of our parents	By Bob & Barbara Rhinberger
In memory of Willard & Georgia Scranton	By Bonnie Scranton
In memory of Jay Wangsness (son)	By Daune McCulloch
In memory of Richard Tarbell	By The Kruse Family & Peggy Tarbell

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INFORMATION ABOUT SEED DISTRIBUTION

As Editor of the Seed, I would like to let everyone know that I am going to do my best to have printed copies of the Seed at church by the last Sunday of the month and that the Thursday before the people receiving them electronically will have them. If the last Sunday falls way early, this might not be a possibility, so I will work with that issue when it comes up.

I would like to encourage everyone who has a message they want to appear in the Seed, please get that information to me as soon as you can. I would also encourage everyone who schedules an event, to please place it on the calendar.

Thank You, Daune McCulloch

JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:00 am Worship/ Communion 9:15 am Adult Forum 10:30 am Worship/ Communion	3	4	5 9 AM Property Party 6 PM Worship Leader Training	6 6 PM Unhang- ing Greens 4:45 PM Learning	7	8 9 AM Clean Church 10—Noon—QYC
9 8:00 am Worship/ Communion 9:15 am Adult Forum 10:30 am Worship/ Communion	10	11 Blood Drive 1 PM—6 PM 6:30 PM Coun-	12 9 AM Property Party 7 PM Choir	13 6 PM— Worship Leader Train- ing	14	15
16 8:00 am Worship/ Communion 10:30 am Worship/ Communion	17	18	19 9 AM Property Party 3-6:30 PM Resource & Snowball	20	21	22
23 8:00 am Worship/ Communion 9:15 am Annual M5g.? 10:30 am Worship/ Communion	24	25 6 PM Books & Brew—Panera	26 9 AM Property Party 7 PM—Choir	27	28 Council Re- treat?	29 Council Retreat?
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