

THE SEED

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH, QUINCY, IL JANUARY 2012

Christ Cares. Share the Faith! By Pastor Gayle Pope

So ... the council listened, met, pondered, brainstormed, tweaked and finally, on Dec. 10, approved three goals and 15 objectives for 2012-2014. It's good to have goals, but the goals are only good if they help us to fulfill the mission Jesus gave all his disciples: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19-20)

Here at Christ Lutheran, we have expressed that mission as, "Christ cares – share the faith!" The first part – "Christ cares" – has a double meaning: 1) [Jesus] Christ cares for us so much he came to earth, suffered, died and rose for our sake, and 2) Christ [Lutheran Church] cares, too. Because Jesus cares, we HAVE faith that gives abundant and everlasting life. And because WE care, we share that faith with each other and with the world – making disciples, baptizing and teaching.

It is in that context that we have set goals and objectives. You'll be hearing more about the 15 specific objectives in the next month, but here are the goals, and a few thoughts about each one.

GROWTH	<p>Foster growth in our congregation by developing relationships and enhancing spiritual growth in our members of all ages.</p> <p>There is a lot to this goal. It says we want to GROW – in numbers, yes, but more importantly, we want to be a congregation where people are connected to one another in fruitful Christian relationships and are always growing in faith and in their relationship with God. The "all ages" part is especially important. It reflects our intention to pay more attention to nurturing the faith of our children and youth and providing a welcoming place for them to thrive. If something is ALIVE, it naturally grows. This goal says we want to be alive in the Spirit!</p>
ORGANIZATION	<p>Improve efficiency, effectiveness and accountability in our organization and operations.</p> <p>That sounds exciting, doesn't it? How does organization help mission? It's like the oil in an engine that eliminates friction and keeps everything running smoothly. Our engine needs a little lubrication right now in terms of our recordkeeping, communications, policies and procedures so that we can keep everyone informed of what's happening, get people plugged in where they'd like to serve and make sure they understand what's expected and who's doing what.</p>
MISSION	<p>Support and enhance outreach in mission to those in need locally and beyond.</p> <p>This goal has to do with the ways we serve Christ outside our own walls. We already do some good things and we want to keep those up. In addition, we want to respond to those who have expressed a desire for mission trips, and we want to learn more about opportunities to support <i>global</i> mission (Jesus <i>did</i> say "all</p>

What Now?

The 15 objectives that flow from those three goals include some great ideas. This congregation has strong leadership, diverse interests and abundant gifts. As we go forward, be alert to the ideas that tweak your interest. Maybe that is where God is calling you to get involved. Moving to one Sunday worship service will help us regroup and unify as a congregation. A Saturday evening service would provide more opportunities for more people to grow in faith – by worshipping and hearing God's word, and by serving on the Saturday worship planning team. As your pastor, I am looking forward to seeing what God will do in and through us in 2012. Happy New Year!



Average Sunday Attendance for January through December

8:00 a.m. Service	28
10:30 a.m. Service	54
Total for both Services	79

Annual Meeting notice

The 2012 Annual Meeting of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church will be held immediately following the 9:30 a.m. service on Sunday, January 22, 2012. The time of the meeting will be approximately 10:40 a.m. We hope to see all of you at this very important meeting.

Worship Times Changing—Beginning January 8, 9:30 a.m.

A blessed new year to all! As you may have heard or read, after asking you about worship times, number of services and types of worship, the council voted to make the suggested changes. **We will go to one service, beginning on January 8, 2012, at 9:30 a.m.** Adult Forum and coffee hour will be held after the service at about 10:40 a.m. For the month of January, Sunday School for children will be held during the 9:30 a.m. worship time. We will not be adding any other service immediately as it will take extra planning and coordination to provide a new worship experience. Please plan to join with your fellow Christians as we begin a new time in the life of Christ Lutheran Church

Management 101—New FPU Class Starts January 5th

If your supervisor came to you and said, I need you to manage a small group of people, in return you would have an increase in your salary, would you know what to do? As a manager, your goal should be to help your people do their jobs better. If you managed that group of people poorly, they will eventually leave. Do you think your supervisor would give you more to manage? If you knew there was a program out there to teach you how to manage well, would you want to check into it to advance?

Money is no different, if it is managed well, it will grow, If manage poorly, it will eventually leave. The good news is that there is a program that will teach you how to be a better manager of Money. It is Financial Peace and it will be starting January 5th.

Financial Peace is more than just managing money. It is interactions with money that causes stress and strain in relationships. One of the main themes that I hear over and over from couples who attend Financial Peace together is that it has made their relationship so much better; they are so much closer and have the security that they had not had previously.

If you are STILL not sure... you should come to one of the Free Previews on Thursday, Dec 29th at 5:45pm, Sunday January 1st After Worship Service, or on Thursday, January 5th at 5:45.

If you need more information, you can click on the Financial Peace University link at <http://www.christlutheranquincy.org/> or just come ask me why I continue to teach this program and spread God's message of Hope and Peace in all areas of your life.

Stuart Peters

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Currently, 46 pledges have been submitted totaling \$147,032.00. In addition, 57 time and talent sheets have been collected.

The Stewardship Ministry Team and Church Council again want to thank the Christ Lutheran membership for their support and generosity. Haven't yet submitted your pledge? It's not too late! Simply mail your pledge to Christ Lutheran Church in care of Robin Lentz (Financial Secretary) or place your pledge in the financial secretary's mail slot just outside the church secretary's office.

Let's keep our NEW BEGINNING alive!

Jim Bailey, Stewardship Ministry Team

Mutual Ministry Committee Serves Pastor and People

The ELCA Constitution requires every ELCA congregation to have a Mutual Ministry Committee. This Committee has an important role in tending the relationship between pastor and people, particularly in helping the new pastor adjust to and understand those whom they lead.

By meeting with the pastor in small group interaction, the Mutual Ministry Committee functions to facilitate communication, explore and develop expectations, and provide a basis for a mutually accepted and understood evaluation of the pastor and the congregation's work to carry out the church's mission. Together, this group works to discern and develop the gifts given to each of us as we serve in the 'Body of Christ.'

The Committee has three objectives in facilitating the congregation's mission: 1) to provide support for Pastor Gayle in achieving her and the congregation's goals; 2) to work with Pastor Gayle in evaluating her success in accomplishing these goals; 3) to provide a nonjudgmental sounding board for Pastor and the congregation. That is, the Committee is receptive to members' confidential thoughts and ideas about matters that will help achieve congregational goals.

The current Mutual Ministry Committee is made up of members of the former Call Committee. They are Patty Kruse, Crystal Burnett, Bonnie Conover, Ron Lerner, Kathy Wolters and Tom Holte (chair and council liaison). Three of these will serve one-year terms and three, two-year terms. In the future, members will be selected by the pastor and council president and ratified by the council, with three new members appointed to two-year terms each year.

Tom Holte, Committee Chair

Church Directory

It's time for a new church directory! Our "new" directory was published in 2009 and there have been some changes in our congregation since that time. Bruce Holderbaum has again volunteered his time and talent to take pictures and make the directory. He will be taking photos during the month of January after Sunday morning worship, beginning January 8th. If you are unable to have a photo taken during that time, please contact Bruce by calling the church at 224-1624. If you are not available during the month of January but wish to have an updated photo included in the directory, please send the photo to the church at 333 South 36th Street, 62305.

20% of Proceeds will Be Donated to Church Youth Group.

Pat Glore will donate 20% to the youth group of any paintings sold for their trip to New Orleans. Please look over Pat Glore's paintings in the fellowship hall. Thank you!

Wedding Announced

Crystal Bernett and Brad Bliven will be married in a private, family ceremony at Christ Lutheran Church at 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, with Pastor Gayle presiding. A family dinner will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Crystal has been a member of Christ Lutheran for more than 25 years. She works in marketing at ADM. Brad is a lifelong member of Salem Evangelical United Church of Christ in Quincy. He works for Adams Telephone Co-Op. Each has two grown children: Crystal's are Kurt (and Jessica) McCabe, and Kayla (and Damon) Marquis. Brad's are Lara (and Joe) Wells and Justin Bliven, who is marrying Kelley Stahl this summer. They have four grandchildren, Kooper McCabe, Mason and Maddie Wells and Lydia Bliven. Congratulations, Crystal and Brad!

Bibles

The Learning Team has established a new Bible Distribution policy to assure that every child of the congregation has his or her own Bible in an age appropriate translation. According to the policy, all families with children from birth through Grade 2 will be given a SPARK Story Bible (one per family). A "Hands-On Bible" (New Living Translation) or other similar young person's Bible of a relatively simple translation, will be given to all children from Grades 3 through 6. We will generally have a presentation of Bibles to third graders in the fall along with the start of school. Confirmation students will receive an New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) Bible upon starting Confirmation.

When new families with children join, Pastor will determine what their needs are for Bibles and the best way to present them. When possible, this will be done during a church service.

In implementing the new policy, the Learning Team checked with parents to see whether the children had already received Bibles from the church earlier, or had their own. As a result, we gave Bibles to 14 children and youth, most of them during the Dec. 18 Christmas Program worship service. Spark Story Bibles were given to the families of Reid & Emory Alford, Kali Goessling, Ryli Koehn, Briana Lannerd, Aiven Maas and Skylar Santos. "Hands-On Bibles" were presented to Taylor Kruse, Brennan McEwen, Delaney McEwen, Blake Parke, Olivia Peters and Aidan Spurgeon, and NRSV Bibles to Erika Stollberg and Sarah Peters.



Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Gayle will be on vacation from Dec. 29 through Jan. 11. On Sunday, Jan. 1, we will have a lay led service of readings and carols at 10:30 a.m. On Sunday, Jan. 8, Brian Days will return to preside at the 9:30 a.m. service, the first day for our new Sunday worship schedule. If pastoral care is needed while Pastor Gayle is gone, please call Sue McLennan at 217-224-2892 (home) or 217-257-0707 (cell), and she will contact one of three area pastors who have all agreed to provide back-up as needed (Pr. Tom Kamprath, St. Peter's, Coatsburg; Pr. Linda Murray, Immanuel, Golden, and Pr. Jim Trutwin, Trinity, Golden).



**Christ Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2012**

Council Members present: Reth Stollberg, Sue McLennan, Pastor Gayle Pope, Sue Reeder, Jim Bailey, Bruce Holderbaum, Bonnie Scranton, Joan Kammerlohr, Dick Klusmeyer, Donna Parke, Trish Santos, and Ashley Maas
Absent: Tom Holte

Opening prayer was given by Pastor Pope and Bonnie Scranton provided the devotions. Ashley Maas will provide devotions in January.

Nick Kruse presented his Eagle Scout project of repainting yellow lines in both parking lots. The board approved the motion for the project to continue. The church will cover expenses, but these should be minimal. It was thought that paint could be purchased for under \$50, and there is someone who may donate the use of the needed equipment.

President Sue McLennan called the meeting to order at 6:45. Four additions were added to the agenda. The minutes of the November 8th meeting were approved as written. Written reports from each Ministry Team for the 2011 Annual Report are due by Sunday, December 18th, so that they can be looked over before pastor leaves for vacation Dec. 29.

Treasurer and Financial Secretary Minutes: Purchasing a new banner for the Dave Ramsey class was discussed. There is money in the 2011 budget but the order may not be placed until after year-end. If that be the case, Sue McLennan will talk to Treasurer Robin Lentz about making an adjusting entry so that the expense is reflected in 2011. There was also some discussion concerning Youth Room expenses that may not be spent until 2012. It was noted that the budgeted expenses (\$300) had already been posted and that any further expenditures would come from the Youth Fund, which is not affected by calendar year.

Pastor's Report: A written report of Pastor's activities was filed. She stated that a Marriage Encounter session will be held in Quincy in February. All couples are eligible to attend. The Worship Ministry team will work on a lay pastor if Pastor Gayle decides to attend the session.

MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS:

Stewardship: Jim Bailey reported that \$147,033 has been pledged with 46 pledges and 57 time and talent sheets submitted. Jim was thanked for the wonderful job he did with the Stewardship campaign.

Service: No report. All the angel tree children names have been taken and the gifts are due back on Sunday, December 18th.

Property: Dick Klusmeyer discussed the roof leak problem and the solution. The heating system has been repaired. A proposal for a routine maintenance plan for the heating system will be presented later. A cross has been mounted on the wall in the Fellowship Hall. Cincinnati Insurance has requested that we develop and put into place a risk management plan. Sue McLennan, Dick are addressing this. The Property men will wax the floors. We discussed the checklist for closing up the church which will be dealt with next month. Jim discussed the cost of installing an outside cross. Motion was approved that Jim will order the cross in January or February at a cost of \$780 and it will be installed later. We will discuss payment options for this project at the next meeting.

Worship: Bruce Holderbaum reported that hymns have been selected through January 29th. He discussed the service for the lay-led service on January 1st. Their next meeting is January 11th at 5:30 (subject to change).

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Witness: Sue Reeder reported that \$2800 was given to Big Brother/Big Sister from the Ploughman's lunch. She said that co-coordinators Bonnie Conover and Linda Dillman expressed thanks to all the volunteers for the luncheon.

Learning: Donna reported that the Youth rang bells at the mall for Salvation Army and were joined by choir members for carol singing. Installation is almost completed of the new floor in the Youth Room. The Youth have been collecting pet food for Paw Pals. The nursery is now open for the late services. There will be an open house and pot luck dinner on January 20th. The Youth Room will be dedicated and we will have a Trivia Night with Luther Memorial. Pastor will be giving out Bibles this Sunday. The Sunday School schedule is completed for December. Donna Parks and Julie Spurgeon have volunteered to be Sunday School teachers.

Fellowship: There will be a church dinner on January 6th when the greens are taken down.

Mutual Ministry Committee: Pastor reported that a meeting was held in November and another is scheduled for January. Tom will write an article for the Seed. Six members will serve two year terms.

Motion was passed to approve all Team reports.

Old Business:

No further report on the updating of the church website.

Pastor passed out an update on the Council Retreat. Our three main goals are growth, organization, and mission. We need to look at the three goals and fifteen objectives. Motion was approved to present the goals and objectives at the annual meeting as an initial plan with the explanation that it is a work in progress for Council direction for the next three years.

Motion was approved to spend 2012 to become more aware of global missions.

Motion was approved to discontinue paying for the Lutheran for the congregation after the first quarter.

A form will be placed in the Seed for individuals to subscribe for \$17.95 for one year.

Bruce will begin taking pictures for the new church directory during the month of January. An article will be put in the Seed and in church bulletins.

New Business:

Motion was approved to have one Sunday church service at 9:30 to begin January 8th and to continue to explore Saturday options for worship. This change will be written in the December Seed and each member will receive a letter telling of the change. There will be signs on the doors and the website and telephone answering machine will be changed. The change will be announced at Sunday services starting immediately. Adult Forum will follow the service.

The annual meeting is January 22nd.

Bonnie and Sue M. will create a crisis management plan along with some other members. An insurance representative will also attend.

Tom is working on bringing our church constitution into compliance with the ELCA model constitution. Changes will be presented for consideration at the annual congregational meeting. Motion was passed not to reduce compensation for our organist due to change in service. The proposed 2012 budget was distributed for us to look at before the next meeting. Motion was passed to appoint Olin Schuler, Bill Wolters, and Dick Tabb as the Audit Committee. The next Council Meeting will be January 10th to prepare for the Annual Congregational Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 and ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Kammerlohr
Secretary

Lutheran Marriage Encounter Comes to Quincy!



Experience the best gift ever! A Marriage Encounter weekend is a gift you give each other. Marriage Encounter offers an opportunity for a couple to search out a warmer, closer, more meaningful relationship with one another. And now you have the opportunity to experience that gift right in Quincy! The next weekend date is February 17-19, 2012 (7 p.m. Friday to 5 p.m. Sunday). Participants stay in a local motel the entire weekend. There is a \$45 registration fee, plus a confidential contribution couples choose to make at the end of the weekend to cover motel, meals, materials and other expenses. Registration deadline is Jan. 17. After that, Registration is on a space available basis. For further information, call Dan and Charlotte Ricks at 309-682-7273 or check out the website at www.godlovesmarriage.org.

Ring Those Bells!

Adults and youth from Christ Lutheran took their turn ringing bells for the Salvation Army in the JC Penny Court at the Quincy Mall on Thursday evening, Dec. 1. Our Learning Team organized the event for children, youth and adults. Choir director Amy Stollberg and a few choir members stopped by at 7 p.m. and sang Christmas Carols.

Angel Tree and Holiday Baskets

Thank you to all that participated in the Angel Tree! I am sure your gifts will be appreciated. Also, thank you to all that brought in food for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets. We were able to fill 3 baskets for Thanksgiving and we had enough food left over to fill 4 baskets for Christmas and give some of it to Luther Memorials Food Pantry. I also want to thank the "Books and Brew" group who gave money to help buy some extra food for the food baskets for Christmas! I want to thank those who delivered all the food baskets and Angel Tree. That is a big job and a big help!!
Wendy Maas

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR JANUARY

	January 1	January 8	January 15	January 22	January 29
ASSISTING MINISTER	Sue Reeder	Jerri Klusmeyer	Pat bell	Crystal Bernett	Jim Bailey
DEACON	No communion	Ron Larner	Bonnie Scranton	Cheryl brinkman	Reth Stollberg
GREETERS	David and Duane McCulloch	Joanne Brubaker & Kaye Marshall	Dave & Wendy Maas	Dick & Sue Tabb	Phil & Bonnie Conover
READER	Sue McLennan	Bonnie Clark	Stu Bell	Judy Kauffman	Peggy Bailey
Sound System	Stuart Peters	Jacob Parke	Bill Wolters	Olin Shuler	Andrew Maas
USHER	Wayne McLennan	Bonnie Scranton	Joan ILarner	Joe Brinkman	Darrell Kruse
ACOLYTE			Sami Santos		Erik Kruse
SUNDAY SCHOOL	Santos	Kruse	Santos	Spurgeon	Parke/Santos
NURSERY	Haley Katenin	Linda Dillman	Nora Holte	Sami Santos Trish Santos	Parke/Santos
COFFEE HOUR	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6	Group 1

If you cannot help on your assigned Sunday, please find a replacement and make a change on



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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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 Erika Stollberg Noah Hoff 5 Kent Alford 6 Shelby Hoff 8 Barb Rhinberger 11 Sarah Peters 12 Eric Conover 22 Lynn Hicks, Jr. Carrie Kimber Bob Bolte Phil Conover | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Season.

Given in memory of Irene VanTricht	Alida & Nick
Given in memory of Dick Bernett	Crystal Bernett
Given in memory of Jennifer Lynn Bolte	Robert Bolte
Given in honor of Miller & Myer Benz (grandsons)	Joe & Cheryl Brinkman
Given in memory of Roger Clark	Bonnie & Sam Clark
Given in memory of Deanna Clark	Bonnie & Sam Clark
Given in memory of our parents— Glen & Elsie Conover, Robert & Maxine Schafer, & Bonnie's sisters—Judith Bennett, Beverly Lambourn	
Given in honor of our children and grandchildren	Phil & Bonnie Conover
Given in memory of William Gilkerson	Phil & Bonnie Conover by his family
Given in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Ward (Virgene's parents)	Virgene Gilkerson
Given in memory of Mary's father, James Tieken	Paul & Marry Hesse
Given in memory of our parents	Tom & Debbie Hemmerle
Given in memory of Woodrow Weber & Frank Kammerlohr	
Given in honor of Delma Weber & Bergit Trautz	Lee & Joan Kammerlohr
Given in memory of Grandpa Les	Lee & Joan Kammerlohr
Given in memory of Grandma Cheryl	The Katenin family
Given in memory of Mary Larner	The Katenin family
Given in memory of our parents— Guy & Bernice Davis and Harry & Ruby Larner	By her family
Given in honor of our children & grandchildren	Ron & Joan Larner
Given in memory of Jay Wanganess	Floyd & Joyce Leenerts
Given in honor of our children & grandchildren	Daune McCulloch
Given in memory of John D. Parke & Berniece Till	Wayne & Sue McLennan
Given in memory of Debbie Pope	Donna Parke
Given in memory of Gary Highness	Pastor Gayle & Terry Pope
Given in memory of our parents	Pastor Gayle & Terry Pope
Given in memory of our parents	Douglas & Mary Reeve
Given in memory of my parents, Willard & Georgia Scranton	Robert & Barbara Rhinberger
Given in memory of Gerald & Virginia Stollberg	Bonnie Scranton
Given in honor of Bruce & Kathy Bringer	Jeff & Amy Stollberg
Given in memory of Bob Tofall	Jeff & Amy Stollberg
Given in memory of our parents	Norma Tofall
	Bill & Kathy Wolters

UPCOMING EVENTS

Adult Fellowship Night—January 20th

How does some nice hot pizza sound?- at Pop's Pizza January 20th at 6 PM. Please call Pat Bell at 653-7632 or email her at pabsdb@adams.net so reservations can be made by Jan. 18th.



Trivia Night and Dedication of Youth Room Carry-In

Plan to attend the Trivia Night potluck dinner and dedication of the new youth room on January 27th at 6:00 p.m. It will be fun evening for all ages. Please bring a dish to pass and plan to attend this special event. A sign- up sheet will be available.

Christ Lutheran Church Blood Drive – Tuesday, January 24, 2011 - 2:00pm to 6:00p.m.

The Blood Drive will be held from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church. For an appointment, please call Virgene Gilkerson (217)223-3744 or 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). You are eligible to give if you haven't donated since November 29, 2011. Please remember to bring ID-Red Cross donor card or photo ID. Refreshments provided by Christ Lutheran Church. If you can help that day or donate food please talk with Virgene.



Taking Down The Greens January 6, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

The Fellowship Committee will be serving a Soup Dinner for all volunteers on January 6th. Please come join in the fellowship and bring a dish to pass. See you at 6:00 p.m. on January 6th.

Books & Brew

We will welcome in the New Year by meeting on Tuesday January 24th at 6:00 p.m. at the Hyvee on Broadway. Our book this month is "In The Company of Others" by Jan Karon. As always we hope to see you there.