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By the Way



PASTOR JOHN

Dear Friends,

I was watching a program the other day in which the CEO of a large company stated that the greatest asset of his company was its people. In fact, I have heard and read that statement from the mouths of a number of corporate heads concerning their employees. The vitality and the viability of a company is intrinsically linked to that company's people.

I would venture to say that the same holds true for congregations. Those congregations in which the members are active, involved, interested, and engaged in serving, growing, supporting, and volunteering grow. While



PASTOR JOHN STENNFELD
Pastor, Christ Lutheran Church

those congregations in which most of the membership is content to worship occasionally, but not get involved in much else, usually die a long slow death.

What kind of congregation are we? What kind of

Starting Again



member are you? We simply cannot be a vibrant and viable congregation if most of our people are content with doing little to nothing in the way of worship and service. If our people are to be our strength then our people have got to be involved: our people have got to take an active part in the worship and service of this congregation.

As the new year begins we are each given a new opportunity to get involved, to serve, and to worship regularly. I challenge each of you to make use of this opportunity to join in the mission and ministry of Christ. Don't be one of the reasons for our decline: be one of the reasons for our success and our growth.

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To God be the Glory,

Pastor John

THE R&R GROUP

Relaxed and Retired - but always "Rarin' To Go"!!! Mark your calendars - R & R will meet on **January 5th** in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 am to plan events for the year. So, bring your ideas and be thinking about which month you would be willing to host or co-host an event. Bring a lunch to eat while we meet. Drinks and desert will be provided.

EUNICE GUILD

The Eunice Guild will meet on Tuesday, January 17, 2012, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your lunch and come early. The meeting will start at noon and be done before 2pm. Our service project for January

the church

will be a soap collection for Lutheran World Relief. New wrapped bars will be sent in April along with the quilts. If you wish to donate, there is a box in the Narthex marked "Eunice Guild". Don't forget your Mites and canceled stamps.

On January 14th the Capitol Zone will have a Quilt-a-thon and Stamporee at Redeemer starting at 9am. If you are interested in going call Fran Ross.

The Quilt group will meet on January

12th and 26th at 11am. The group is in need of fillers for the quilts. Used mattress pads, blankets, and heavy material can be used besides batts.

We are looking for an event planner to organize our Spring Event. The ladies who have done it in the past say they have run out of ideas. If this is your cup of tea, call Fran Ross.

THANK YOU

A word of deep thanks to all who have served on our various committees and

boards and such over the past year. Your willingness to give, to lead, and to serve has been a blessing to our entire congregation. Without your service we could not have done all that we did to fulfill our mission as God's stewards in this place. On behalf of all of our members, I thank you. To God be the Glory!"

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH/PARENT DINNER

Our evening of fellowship/instruction/discussion on sexual abstinence and purity is set for Sunday evening, January 29th, at 6pm. RSVP to Pastor John.

Please bring a side dish to share and an open heart and mind to learn.

"ALL COMMITTEES MEET" DAY

On Sunday, January 22nd, during the Bible Class hour, all members of Christ serving on a committee for the 2012 calendar year are asked to meet in the fellowship hall at 9:30am. From there we will split off into assigned rooms to meet with our particular committee to begin planning for 2012. All those serving on a committee here at Christ are expected to be in attendance on this kick-off Sunday.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE & BLESSING

The Council and Committee members of Christ Lutheran will be formally blessed and placed into their respective positions during the early and late worship services on January 22nd. All members serving in these leadership positions of Christ for the 2012 year are encouraged to be in attendance at one of these two morning

NATIVITY SET & PRAYER CROSSES



services.

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A CHRISTMAS CARD

A Christmas Card was received in the office from the folks in Narcotics Anonymous group which meets in our Christ's Workshop. Here are some of their notes: *Thank you for providing such a wonderful place for people to find recovery!- Tracie

*This meeting place has kept me clean for almost three years!!! Thanks so much.- James

*Thanks for the generosity for all these years.-Lila

*Thank you for providing a place for me to find a way out... Thank you... Thank you... Thank you!- Krisanne

*Thanks for a great place to meet!- Katie

*Thank you!- Sandra, Jim, Tyler, Rachel, Wayne, Ross,

R & R/EUNICE GUILD CHRISTMAS PARTY



Heather, Jessie, Lauren, Tess, Cliff, Nicole.

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FEED MY LAMBS UPDATE

The sack lunch program handed out 69 lunches during the month of Decem-

berin addition to over 12 hygiene packs. We continue to hand out fresh sandwiches on the last Friday of each month (this month's date will be January 27th. Please consider donating non-perishable, sack lunch

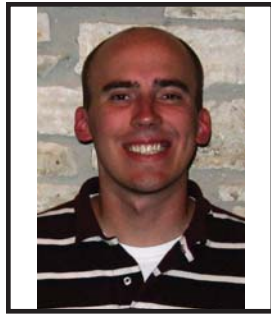
items, personal hygiene items, and any unwanted coats, hats, or other clothing items. If you have any questions regarding the Feed My Lambs program, please feel welcome to contact the church office.

CHRISTMAS 2011



Christmas Program

The 2011 Christmas Program with all its creative elements - video about the Advent wreath, puppet show, songs and finger play, and Advent calendar and puzzle - was made possible by a collaboration of people at Christ Lutheran. Many volunteers pitched in to produce Countdown to Christmas with Gordy and Gerdy in-house from the script to the set to the scenes. A special thanks to Barbara Craig for preparing the children for the program and putting together the congregational Christmas party afterward; to Mark Ziehr for co-writing the script and coordinating the building of the set; to Tommie Craig for designing the Nativity scene puzzle and decorating the Advent calendar panels.



JORDAN BOESSLING
Minister of Creative Communications & Community Connections

Thank you to the children and youth for telling the Christmas story, and to the parents and grandparents for taking them to practices and taking time to help them practice their lines and songs.

Kingdom Quest

Our Kingdom Quest and Youth Bible study ministry resumes January 8th on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 am. On the Sundays prior to Ash Wednesday, the children age 3 - Grade 5 will be covering the final section

chronicling Old Testament history in the four years of lessons.

January Mission: Food Bank

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 14 from 8:45 am - 12 noon. We will be serving at the Food Bank (8201 South Congress) to help sort and package food for the hungry. Ages 8 and older can volunteer. This event will help us kick off our Christian Education's "Souper Bowl of Caring" soup collection drive. Our collection drive with span four Sundays with the fourth "quarter" on February 5, the day of the big football game. Bring donations of cans of soup for the Food Bank to the Kingdom Quest room.

Valentine's Day Video

For Sunday, February 11, to celebrate Valentine's Day, we are planning to create a video that will feature interviews with couples who have been married for 50 or more years. We'll have fun learning how they met and will find out what has kept them together. If you and your spouse have been married for 50 or more years and would like to be a part of this project, please speak with Jordan.

Faith Journeys

Thanks to Harold Derenberger for opening his home and his heart to share his story of how God is working in his life. The prayer crosses Harold's hands make in honor and memory of his wife Alvina were the subject of our first Faith Journeys video for Sunday worship. Everyone has a story to tell, and if you would like to share yours and be filmed and interviewed for a future Faith Journeys video, please speak with Pastor John.

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Sanctuary Christmas Decorating





JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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Lauren Chapman
 Samuel Chapman
 Bill Martin
 Tommie Craig
 Sandra Sisbarro
 John Dunn
 Lily Foster
 Felix & Louise Alexander
 Avatar & Maria Boardman
 Doreen Bohrer
 Phyllis Mitchell
 Brody Richter
 Nathan Ziehr
 LeeRoy & Susan Anderson
 Emily Richter

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Barbara Wilson
 Hank Cunningham
 Helen Pillack
 Aaron Woolverton
 Tommy Nanyes
 Connor Mitchell
 Eunice McGee
 Dorothy Richter
 John & Linda Mitchell
 Helen Richwine
 Geneva Mensing
 Thomas Craig
 Louise Alexander
 Mary Grottke
 Garrett Hansen

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Young Adults Meal

Our next meal will be Sunday, January 15th at 12 noon, after late worship service. Pach Stenfeld will be preparing the meal. 20-somethings young adults - singles and couples, without children - are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall for fantastic food and to get connected and build authentic friendships with other young adults.

Homeless Ministry

We continue to collect warm winter blankets and

winter clothing such as jackets, sweaters, scarfs, pants, and socks to have on-hand to hand out upon request to those who come to our door on Fridays for a sack lunch during the winter season.

Birthdays and Anniversary Photos

Please remember to submit birthday and wedding anniversary photos to the church office, or request to have one taken on a Sunday, to celebrate these occasions via the Sunday announcement slides on the screen.

General

Contact Jordan with questions. Visit the Kingdom Quest/Youth Bible Study and Community Connections (Service Events & Missions) bulletin boards for more specifics about those ministries.



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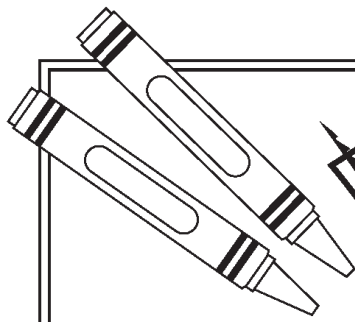
Winter is a difficult time for people in need, so make this scarf to help someone stay warm.

What you need:

- Medium-weight polar fleece, 60" standard width (a 9" portion will make one scarf)
- Scissors
- An adult to help

What you do:

1. Cut a piece of medium-weight polar fleece to the size of 60" x 9". Cut the fabric across its width so the material is stretchy.
2. Trim off the edge binding. To add "fringe" along each end, make a 6"-long cut every half inch.
3. For curly fringe, pull each strand and then let go sharply. Another attractive option is to tie an over-hand knot at the top of each strip.
4. Donate your scarf to a local group that helps people in need. For greater impact, encourage your Sunday school classmates or other friends to make scarves, too.
















PUZZLE

A caring disciple

In Acts 9, Peter tells of a woman who lived in Joppa. She performed good works and helped the poor. Solve the puzzle below to reveal this disciple's two names.

Instructions: Cross out the letters that spell each object and write the remaining letter on the blank.

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___ rohmtae			
___ srgbape			
___ rbieda			
___ pehtshred			
___ rdhaenlca			
___ fadoo			
Her name in Greek			
___ pdeesh			
___ dchilnero			
___ drove			
___ acehtr			
___ sarcos			
___ nusoatinm			

Answers: Tabitha, Dorcas

Serving in January 2012

Elders
Usher Capt.

8:15
Roy Pietsch
Freddie Richter

10:45
Larry Steiger
Albert Carrion, Sr.

January 1st

Flowers: Given by Phil & Sue Etter
Tellers: C. Kanetzky/V. Kanetzky
Communion Guild: Roy C.
8:15 am **Acolyte:** Justin Torres
Lector: Lucille Herrera
10:45 am **Acolyte:** Divina Stennfeld
Lector: Phil Etter

January 8th

Flowers: Given by _____
Tellers: C. Kanetzky/V. Kanetzky
Communion Guild: Rebecca A. & Sandra
8:15 am **Acolyte:**
Lector: Helen Pillack
10:45 am **Acolyte:** Victoria Sisbarro
Lector: Connie Ziehr

January 15th

Flowers: Given in honor of
Albert Carrion Sr.'s 75th Birthday
Tellers: J. Hansen/C. Hansen
Communion Guild: Galbreath's
8:15 am **Acolyte:** Ben Schaare
Lector: Alan Werchan
10:45 am **Acolyte:** Taylor Harrison
Lector: Gary Lippe

January 22nd

Flowers: Given by the Eunice Guild in
memory of Dorothy Craig
Tellers: J. Hansen/C. Hansen
Communion Guild: Hansen's
8:15 am **Acolyte:**
Lector: Charles Kanetzky
10:45 am **Acolyte:** Marcus Hansen
Lector: John Hansen

January 29th

Flowers: Given in remembrance of Ruby Decker
by Gerald and Ellen Decker
Tellers: A. Werchan/P. Mitchell
Communion Guild 8:15: Michael Z.
Communion Guild 10:45: Emily W. & Jean W.
8:15 am **Acolyte:** Sarah Zieschang
Lector: Michael Zieschang
10:45 am **Acolyte:** Jeremy Faulkner
Lector: Alana Rock

If you cannot serve as scheduled, it is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement. If you know a schedule change before 9:00 am on Thursday of the week you're scheduled, please contact the church office (442-5844) to inform the secretary of the change for the Sunday bulletin. If a problem arises on Sunday morning, please call the office and leave a message.