



The Messenger

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Conversation With a Tree

In Washington D.C. recently, the "Capital Holiday Tree" regained its sturdy old tag, "The Capital Christmas Tree" (ah!) at the urging of House Speaker Dennis Hastert. Rack one up for the ever, green wonder.

But now, Christmas Tree, don't rest too securely. There are some that want to hang you in to dry. Granted, you've been abused before. Imposters have tried to be like you for a long time. But at least these plastic scrubs and aluminum shrubs respected your position. Nowadays, though, your name is getting dragged in the dirty snow. We're not talking "Holiday", though that's offensive enough. No, this insult is for the eyes, and if a picture is worth a thousand words, then this sight means a thousand deaths for you. Okay, enough dreadful buildup. If you dare, turn your evergreen eyes to the graphic at the top of this article. Yes. I know. It looks ridiculous. But this is *actually* a new trend – to dump you on your head and leave you hanging there all season long so anyone who passes by can look down your trunk. How scandalous! The conspiracy runs so deep, that one national retailer sells three varieties of the immodest tree on its website. If it's any consolation, at least your dignity is being sold at a high price. The artificial trees go from \$299.99-\$499.99.

Why all this madness? Good question, O Bristled One. It may be that icicle lights and illuminated yard creatures are becoming too trite for some people. To maintain their status as the trendy Christmas decorator of the

block, they go for the kill with this radical, new inversion. Also, it's been said that the slender peak kissing down allows more room on the floor for gifts. What did you say? Why then don't we go to church in sweat pants or pajamas? I get your point, Old Sap. Sometimes, on high occasions, it's good to sacrifice convenience for the sake of beauty. High heels, dresses, or makeup come to mind for some, neckties and shaving for others. And *your* bushy, broad bottom *facing* bottom? That's beauty, I agree.

But just so you know, Downside Down Tree, there's one more argument being leveled against you. They say these renegades have history on their side. Upside down trees were a twelfth century tradition in Central Europe. You've got history too? Okay, then, let's hear it. Hmm. Really. Interesting. Evergreens were an ancient symbol of rebirth? Rural families were reassured of life by taking trees inside during the dead winter months? Christians used a Paradise Tree in their homes to remember the ancient Eastern feast of Adam and Eve, on December 24th? Apples decorating the tree would symbolize the forbidden tree of Eden? Homemade communion wafers decorating the tree would symbolize the tree of life? Then in the Middle Ages, believers set up a "Christmas light" on Christmas Eve, a candle that symbolized Christ as the light of the world? Finally in sixteenth century Germany, the Reformers seemed to combine both of these traditions by putting decorations from the "Christmas light" *on* the tree and calling it a Christmas Tree?¹

Wow, that's quite a progression, all the way to today. What a special connection we have to the founders of our faith, right in our living rooms! Don't turn the connection upside down? Okay, I get the hint. After all, you're a *Christmas* tree. Your wood reminds us of Christ's cross. Victory over sin. Your noble peak points to that Savior above, and to the home he's preparing for us. Yet another meaningful symbol. Why would I turn this symbol upside down? Don't worry, I won't. What was that? You're a bit bashful to make this case for yourself in public? Don't worry, O Tannenbaum. I'll spread the word.

Pastor Gregory Pope

¹ Source Information from *The Origin and Meaning of the Christmas Tree*, by Pastor Richard P. Bucher. <http://users.rcn.com/tlclcms/chrtree.htm>



Message From The President

CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING

The church council has set Saturday, December 10th at 1:00 P.M. as the day to put up the Christmas tree and do any decorating that any other members would like. All are invited to come and help. If you have any ideas, please bring them along and we will try to use them.

CHURCH REDECORATING

We are waiting on the drawings for the redecorating of the church interior. Upon receipt of those drawings there will be an informational meeting to choose colors for the interior. The time for the starting is coming fast and the final decisions will have to be made soon, but we are working on the contractor's schedule, not ours.

The Board for Building & Grounds is looking into the lighting for the front of church. They have contacted some lighting consultants and contractors. This is also moving along, but we do not have recommendations or option costs as of this writing.

The Church Council has been discussing alternatives for church services. Nothing has been firmed up yet as of this writing. We do not want to slow the project down in any way. The target date for completion is still by Easter.

COMMUNICATION

Communication within any organization is important to smooth operation of that organization. A congregation is no exception. The Church Council has been trying to keep the congregation informed on happenings within the congregation, but there will always be some miscommunication. This will happen because many of the council and board members work full time jobs that require much of their time and then they have family commitments to fulfill also.

This newsletter is a great help to communicating with the congregation. Voter's meetings are also good communication tools. These tools work well when used.

One thing that does not work well is an unsigned note or letter. Some of the board and council members have been receiving such notes. We would like to respond to these notes if the persons sending them would just sign their name or give us a contact number. Many of the questions raised in these notes have been answered either in the newsletter or at meetings, and the rest need personal attention.

Thank you.

John Smith, Congregational President

Thrivent's "Matching Funds"

This article is intended to update you on this program, answer your questions, and (hopefully) clear up any mis-conceptions that exist about the "matching funds" program. I make NO claim to being an "expert" on this subject. Quite honestly, 100% of the information in this article was taken from two sources. The first being Thrivent's web site (**www.thrivent.com**) and the second being a handout that is (or was) available at church. If, after reading this article, there are still unanswered questions or you are uncertain about something, I suggest that you go to Thrivent's web site for further assistance. After accessing the web site, click on the "Fraternal Programs" box, this will bring up an assortment of choices. Then click on the "GivingPlus Program" box for a complete explanation of the program. If even more information is desired, you can call Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836, option 3, ext. 85909 ---or---send e-mail with your questions or requests to GivingPlus@Thrivent.com.

This article is written in a "frequently asked question" format.

What is the correct name for the "matching funds" program?

The new or current name for the program is the "GivingPlus Program". This is the same program that many of us are accustomed to calling "matching funds".

Who is eligible to participate in this program?

Any Thrivent Financial for Lutherans member (benefit or associate) age 16 or older is eligible to participate in the program.

How much will Thrivent "match"?

There are multiple answers for this question.

1.) Thrivent does NOT "match" your contributions dollar for dollar. They supplement your contributions at a 50% rate. In other words, for every **\$2.00** that you contribute to an enrolled Lutheran organization, Thrivent will supplement that contribution with an additional **\$1.00**

2.) Thrivent will supplement your contributions up to a **\$300** maximum per enrolled organization per year. However, Thrivent will only provide supplemental dollars to two organizations (of your choice) per year. Here is an example: You contribute \$600 to MLHS in 2005, Thrivent will supplement that contribution with an additional \$300. You also contribute \$600 to St. John's Lutheran School in 2005, Thrivent will also supplement that contribution with an additional \$300.

Does my contribution have to be a "lump sum" or "one time" contribution?

In a single word.....NO. You can make multiple contributions (i.e. monthly, quarterly, etc.) to the same organization in a given year. Thrivent supplemental dollars will be provided only when the paperwork is received and processed. A gift of cash, check or money order will be supplemented. However, please note that a check or money order must be written out directly to the organization (i.e. Manitowoc Lutheran High School or St. John's Lutheran School). The necessary Giving Plus gift forms are available at church.

Who can I contribute to-----or-----who are these enrolled Lutheran organizations?

Although I do not have a list of these organizations, I do know that MLHS and St. John's School are enrolled. In a general sense, the enrolled Lutheran organizations include:

- *Early childhood centers
- *Elementary schools
- *Secondary (high) schools
- *Post-secondary schools (colleges, universities and seminaries)
- *Outdoor ministry centers (camps)
- *Campus ministries
- *Social ministry organizations
- *Lutheran independent organizations and institutions

Are there any ineligible contributions?

Once again, in a single word.....YES. These include:

- *Worship offerings and contributions to a congregation.
- *Contributions made on behalf of others.
- *Fund-raising activities. Any activity where contributors receive goods, services or discounts for their gifts.
- *Contributions that are not given directly to a specific enrolled Lutheran organization.
- *In-kind contributions (i.e. the value of equipment or materials, donated time/service etc.)
- *Tuition payments, registration fees, student fees, etc.
- *Contributions to educational associations or professional affinity groups.

What is the cut-off date for 2005 contributions?

All 2005 contributions (with completed member gift forms) must be given to the recipient organization (MLHS, etc.) by no later than December 31, 2005. The recipient organization must then submit the member gift forms to Thrivent Financial by January 14, 2006.

It is my sincere hope that this article helps answer your questions and/or clears up any confusion about this program. It is a great program that provides an ideal opportunity for you to "multiply" your contributions by doing nothing more than completing a gift form. I encourage all Thrivent members to use this program. Also, I encourage those who are not Thrivent members to consider becoming associate members (\$10 per family) and begin using the program.

Yours in Christ,
Warren Lutze
Chairman, Board of Education

Announcements

Christmas Program Practice

Just a reminder to parents there will be a Christmas Program Practice on Saturday December 10th from 9:30 - 11:00 A.M. (Followed by Christmas Caroling for those interested).

Christmas Caroling

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for anyone interested in going caroling on Saturday, the 10th of December. We will start caroling at 11 a.m., stop to have lunch at Luigis, and then finish up caroling.

Christmas Tree/ Church Decorating

Christmas Tree & Church decorating will be on Saturday December 10th at 1:00 P.M. All are welcome to come and help.

Thank You

Thanks for all the donations for the food drive. It was given to Lutheran Social Services/Project Youth. They help youth (18-22) that have been displaced from their parents' homes to set up an apartment and learn how to budget and earn an income to become better citizens. Thanks again for the donations.

Christmas Potluck

There will be a Christmas "Pot Luck" meal after the worship service on Sunday, December 11th. The Ladies Aid will provide the meat. Come join us in a "sing along" of Christmas Carols & Entertainment.

Forward In Christ

Forward in Christ is due for next year. Cost is \$8.00. (If single copy, cost is \$14.00) Sign up sheet in narthex. Make checks payable to Trinity Ladies Aid or cash. Put your name on slip or mark paid after your name.

Altar Flowers

There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for anyone wishing to supply & take care of the altar flowers for a weekend. If you have any questions please contact Louette Propson-Enders at 775-4389.

Lakeshore Lutheran Chorale Christmas Concert

The Lakeshore Lutheran Chorale will be having their Christmas Concerts on Saturday December 3rd at 7:30 P.M. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kiel. Also December 4th at 4:00 P.M. & 7:00 P.M. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Manitowoc.

All Are Invited

The Southern Circuit of the Manitowoc Conference invites our congregation to attend the installation of Pastor Tom Unke at St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Howards Grove. The service will be at three o'clock on the afternoon of December 11, 2005. A reception will follow at the church.

Old Fashioned German Christmas Service

An old-fashioned German Christmas service will be held at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 19214 HWY. XX, Kiel (Louis Corners) on Saturday, December 10th, 2005, at 3:00 P.M. The entire service – liturgy, hymns, and sermon – will be in German. The liturgist will be the Rev. Ted Olsen, who serves as the pastor at Zion. The sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Waldemar Loescher.

Christmas At The Seminary

On Sunday, December 11th, the 65 voices of the Seminary Chorus of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary will present the Seminary's annual Christmas Concert at 3:00 and 7:00 P.M. Entitled, "Love Divine, All Love Excelling", the concert includes selections for choir, instruments, and assembly. The concerts are held in the campus auditorium and are open to the public free of charge. The seminary is located in Mequon on Buntrock Avenue, just north of Mequon Road between 76th Street and Highway 57.

Pathways to Christ 2006 Retreat March 17–19

As Christian women, we have the opportunity to use the gifts God has blessed us with to serve Him and others. The 2005 Pathways to Christ Retreat will focus on how to "Let God's Light Shine". There are so many in the world today who talk about wanting to find a purpose in their lives. Our purpose, your purpose, my purpose is to be light reflectors, to be tools, to be witnesses, to be agents. That is what evangelism is, what mission work is. Let God's light Shine in you and through you. (Funds are available for women who would like to attend, but need some financial assistance.) Flyers/Order forms in the narthex.

MLHS Announcements

The Manitowoc Lutheran High School Christmas Concert will again be held at the Capitol Civic Center. Two concerts will be presented on Thursday, 12/22, at 4:30 p.m. and again at 7:30 p.m. Please join us for this beautiful celebration of our Lord's birth!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Week of 11/28 – 12/4

Tue 11/29 Boys' Basketball vs. Sheboygan Luth (H); PARENTS' NIGHT

Thur 12/1 Boys' Basketball vs. Mishicot (A)
Wrestling vs. Valders (H)

Fri & Sat 12/2-3 Boys' & Girls' Basketball, Lutheran Invitation Tournament @
Wisconsin Lutheran College

Sat 12/3 Wrestling vs. Wisconsin Lutheran (A)

Week of 12/5 – 11

Tue 12/6 MLHS Board of Control Mtg; 6:30 p.m.
Boys' Basketball vs. Valders (H)

Thur 12/8 Girls' Basketball vs. Valders (H)
Wrestling vs. Reedsville (A)

Fri 12/9 Boys' Basketball vs. Brillion (H)
Wrestling vs. Roncalli (A)

Sat 12/10 Girls' Basketball vs. Brillion (H)
Wrestling vs. Oshkosh Lourdes (A)

Sun 12/11 Grade School Band Christmas Concert; 3:00 p.m.

Week of 12/12 – 18

Tue 12/13 Girls' Basketball vs. St. Mary Central (A)

Thur 12/15 Boys' Basketball vs. Hilbert (A)
Wrestling vs. Brillion (H)

Fri 12/16 Girls' Basketball vs. Wrightstown (A)

Sat 12/17 Boys' Basketball vs. St. Mary Central (H)
JV Wrestling vs. Shawano (A)

Other Important Dates

Thur 12/22 MLHS Christmas Concert @ Capitol Civic Center; 4:30 p.m. &
7:30 p.m.

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Members & Friends In The Military



Levi Bushman (son of Damian & Jane)

Levi Bushman
6605 JF Douglas Drive
Ocean Springs, MS 39564
(State side)

Paul & Erika Fisher Chute & 2 children (Granddaughter of Orabelle Fisher)

772 A Broadway
Eielson AFB, AK 99702
(Both are members of the Air Force. Their military base is located near Fairbanks, Alaska. Paul is presently stationed in Kuwait. Erika is the granddaughter of Orabelle Fisher.)

Mark Sornson (Husband of Stacy)

SPC Sornson, Mark A.
OIF III, FOB Warhorse
HHC 3BTB, 3ID
APO-AE, 09397
(Is stationed over in Iraq)

Aaron Wallander (Son of Leon & Linda Wallander)

PV2 Wallander Aaron M
2-71, CAV, A-TRP 2nd PLT
Fort Drum, NY 13602
(Will be stationed State side for at least one year)

Troy Weidling (Connie Mangin's nephew)

Troy Weidling
PO Box 12602
Yuma, AZ 8536
*Stationed in Japan

Mark Sward (Boyfriend of Pastor's sister, Natalie)

SPC Mark S. Sward
HHC2-128th IN
2490 25th St.
Camp Shelby, MS 39407-5500
(Stationed in Kuwait)

Bryan Denk (Former Member of Trinity)

Bryan Denk
322 D.S. Maint.
APO AE 09391
LSA Anaconda
(Stationed in Kuwait)

MLC Students Help in New Orleans 11-9-2005

Dear Scattered Members of the Family:

When Job's three friends, Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite, heard about all the troubles he had come upon him, they set out from their homes and met together by agreement to go and sympathize with him and comfort him. Job 2:11

Can you picture this? College students from around the country dressed in hazmet suits and face masks making a pile of the belongings of people they had just met. Two of them drop some big piece of furniture at the curb and a cloud of mold rises from it. A pretty girl in big yellow boots chipping tile off the floor with a big yellow crowbar. The lady of the house walking out the front door with a precious picture in her hands. A bent over fire hydrant gushing water into the street – a sign of hope. Behind the masks, all the eyes were the same, sad. So we stood with the owners of the house. There are certain things you say, but it doesn't change what you see before you.

Job really had far worse problems. He even lost loved ones in his disaster. So his three friends decided that he would go and spend some time with him. And they did. What they said wasn't always the best, sometimes it was the worst. But let's give them credit for the one thing they did. Job may have been sitting in the dust, but he didn't have to sit there alone.

Maybe these students didn't even know the people they were helping. Like me, they didn't have words that could make it better. But they made sure that in their hour of need, their fellow Christians were not alone. As it turns out, sometimes it is the best thing we can do.

News:

1. The MLC students are down helping out. They went to Port of Call restaurant on their first day and when someone there found out why they had come, they paid their entire bill. Yesterday we moved trash, unloaded a semi of water on the church property and began helping Isons and Greens with their houses. We ate MREs (meals ready to eat) at the entrance of the church. (See below)

2. Today our refrigerator comes to our camp. Are we getting close to moving in or what? Carol and I are picking up a donated dining room table and chairs. Friday we get our bedroom furniture. We're excited.

WELS Committee on Relief has sent \$10,000.00 to date to help with Hurricane Wilma in addition to supplying the relief trailers being sent out. WELS Kingdom workers has sent a team of volunteers to help many local workers clear trees and rebuild.

Here is a report from Pastor David Priebe --

A crew of five departed from Bay Pines on Tuesday, Nov. 1 to spend two days helping in the hurricane area in South Florida. Heading east from Fort Myers on Hwy 80 we traveled 100 miles and witnessed storm damage the entire way. Trees were down everywhere and most of the signs were damaged. We stopped at Hope in West Palm and visited with Pastor Enter and members. Across the street 30-35 trailer loads of aluminum were waiting to get into the salvage yard for recycling. There must have been 200 power repair trucks at the local fairgrounds a few blocks away awaiting their daily deployment. The Enters and congregation seemed to be weathering the days after the storm with a smile, but ministry has changed greatly because of Wilma and will continue for quite a while before things get back to normal. The Pompano Beach area was hit harder and we were encouraged to make our way south to Pastor James Werner and Ocean Drive Lutheran Church. 85% of the streetlights are not working in Broward County and every corner was a four way stop unless controlled by police. Nine days after the storm, 285,000 people are still without power including

Pastor Werner. He graciously opened his house to us and we camped out with flashlights, cold showers, and sleeping bags on the floor.

On Tuesday we hitched up the First Disaster Response trailer of the WELS and headed to the suburbs to the home of a Jamaican lady to clear her back yard of trees. She is the mother-in-law of one of the members of Ocean Drive. About that time 2 inches of rain decided to descend upon us. Next door a lady came home from work to find her home wet and messy from a collapsed ceiling in the kitchen. She thought we were from FEMA but what a joy to tell her we were from Jesus. Her roof was missing shingles in four places and we used one of the 40x60 tarps to cover this entire house. By this time the neighborhood had gathered. As darkness fell a mini-United Nations assembled on the front lawn and new friends were made for Jesus and Ocean Drive Lutheran Church. They say that some homes may wait up to a year for roof repair through FEMA and the sheer number of damaged roofs makes me believe they are correct. We made our way back to the church wet, hungry, and happy. On Wednesday, we headed south and west to the suburbs to Ray's home. Ray is the son of the Jamaican lady of Tuesday and husband to a member of Ocean Drive. His roof was damaged and leaking and the second 40x60 tarp was fixed to his roof. His mother was so appreciative of our work on Tuesday she desired to make lunch for us. Urging mildness for the Curry chicken we were treated to a fine lunch of chicken, rice, and plantain. It was excellent. Again the neighbors were very talkative and we were able to tell them who we were. Power lines crossed the street from one side to the other. The north side of the street had power while the other side did not. A neighbor indicated he had been on his knees during the hurricane praying for it not to hit or harm them. The Lord answered his prayers. They all are frustrated dealing with the storm aftermath. Again we had opportunity to tell who we were and how we had this fine trailer of hurricane relief supplies outfitted by the gifts of our small Lutheran church body and their love for Jesus. Friends were made. Finishing the roof and the removal of the fence in the backyard we headed out to another member's home for tree removal. Chainsaws buzzed and many trips were made to the street with debris. The squirrels weren't too happy we were taking away their lofty jungle but the maze of branches was dead and dying. We also cleaned the backyard of the neighbor behind who works for Florida Power and has been putting in 16 hour days since the hurricane. When he came home he was greeted with a wall of brush 6 feet high and 75 feet long. At dark the lady of the house (WELS member) returned from work and was most appreciative of our work. We departed in the darkness of this suburb two blocks from James Kennedy's Coral Ridge Church. Heading back to the parsonage we opted for cold showers and packing up for the return home. I arrived home at 1:30 am. bone tired but happy for the opportunity to show Christian love to those in great need. Pastor Werner was a gracious host without power and we wished him the Lord's blessings as we departed as he continues his hurricane ministry. A number of copies of "God is our Refuge" were left with him to follow up spiritually with the folks we met. The disaster response trailer is a great tool in the midst of a mess. The people who stocked it did a fine job in doing so. We used the biggest tarps, chainsaws, ladders, wheelbarrow, and sundry other items.

As a side note I had a visit from the local Thrivent committee member and she was greatly interested in our disaster trailers and commented that the other Lutheran groups should do this. Again I was most happy and proud to share with her the outpouring of gifts from our little church body that made this possible. A lot was crammed into two days. We were able to work at five homes. Hauling the disaster trailer about 50 miles throughout Broward County I did not see another religious group at work. I'm sure they are there but it reinforced all the more the positive impact we can make with a little effort. Hurricane Wilma is the third costliest storm behind Katrina and Andrew. The destruction stretches all across South Florida and is no respecter of social status or color or race. Some may only look upon it as negative devastation but I'm quite sure the Lord allows a few tragedies to present positive opportunities as well. "I'm but a stranger here, Heaven is my Home!" Blessings to all and especially our Christian brothers sisters in Wilma cleanup. Dave.



Church Attendance for November

Saturday 5th: 34

Sunday 6th: 116

Weekend Total: 150

Saturday 12th: 39

Sunday 13th: 129

Weekend Total: 168

Saturday 19th: 61

Sunday 20th: 77

Weekend Total: 138

Thursday 24th: 131

Saturday 26th: 49

Sunday 27th: 87

Weekend Total: 136

Total Attendance for the month of November: 723



Bible Study Attendance

Sunday November 6th: 8

Sunday November 13th: 10

Sunday November 20th: 9

Sunday November 27th: No Bible Study

Sunday School Attendance

Pre – k thru 8th Grade

November 6th: 26

November 13th: 22

November 20th: 24

November 27th: No Sunday School

Sunday School Perfect Attendance For November!

Pre- K & Kindergarten: Brittany Hochkammer, Lindsay Glaeser, Benjamin Kiesow, Joshua Kiesow, Faith Knutson

1st & 2nd Grade: Hanna Bratz, Heidi Bratz, Alex Free, Allyson Jungbluth, Amanda Knutson, Heidi Knutson, Jasmine Smith

3rd & 4th Grade: Nicole Glaeser, Desirae Kiesow, Kalie Knutson, Rachel Nagel, Lynsay Smith

5th – 8th Grade: Tony Boardman, Brett Glaeser, Joe Nagel

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Congratulations to the Sunday School kids who memorized all their memory work for the month of November!!!:

Pre- K & Kindergarten: Lindsay Glaeser, Brittany Hochkammer, Caden Jungbluth, Benjamin Kiesow, Joshua Kiesow, Faith Knutson

1st & 2nd Grade: Hanna Bratz, Heidi Bratz, Alex Free, Allyson Jungbluth, Amanda Knutson, Heidi Knutson, Lauren Petersen, Jasmine Smith

3rd & 4th Grade: Nicole Glaeser, Desirae Kiesow, Kalie Knutson, Rachel Nagel, Lynsay Smith

5th – 8th Grade: Tony Boardman, Breanna Glaeser, Brett Glaeser, Joe Nagel, Samantha Ott

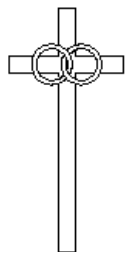


A Happy Birthday and God's Blessings to...

12/1 Lisa Kiesow	12/12 Benjamin Kiesow
12/2 Allyson Jungbluth	12/12 Joshua Kiesow
12/3 Carol Kasten	12/13 Lawrence Teesch
12/4 Kim Fischer	12/14 Brittany Kenneke
12/5 Sherri Kasten	12/15 Alex Free
12/6 Benjamin Lovell	12/17 Kevin Isaacson
12/6 Bernice Pleuss	12/17 Denise Preston
12/7 Chad Knutson	12/19 Ruth Knutson
12/8 Mark Kiesow	12/23 Alexander Kenneke
12/9 Justin Mancheski	12/23 Harold Jaeger
12/10 Dean Bratz	12/23 Jane Schultz
12/10 Kaitlin Bushman	12/23 Olivia Siehr
12/11 Todd Glaeser	12/24 Lorena Nagel
12/11 Shelby Johnson	12/26 Janet Matthias
12/11 Jody Lovell	12/27 James W. Ott
12/11 Caroline Schwalbe	12/31 Eunice Barnes

80 Years & more of God's Glory!

12/6 Bernice Pleuss – 84 Years Young!
12/11 Caroline Schwalbe – 82 Years Young!
12/19 Ruth Knutson – 90 Years Young!
12/23 Harold Jaeger – 83 Years Young!
12/23 Jane Schultz - 80 Years Young!



Happy Anniversary To...

12/6 David & Jessica Jungbluth – 8 Years!
12/17 Steve & Bonnie Wagner – 13 Years!
12/18 Mark & Stacy Sornson – 1 year!

***If you have a December birthday or anniversary and it is not listed or your anniversary is listed incorrectly please let us know so we can update your information. Thanks!**



Greeter Schedule

December 4th Marty & Lisa Kiesow Family
December 11th Eli & Betsy Kenneke Family
December 18th Lori Schleis Family
December 25th Al & Polly Bonfigt

Usher Schedule

December 3rd Len Arnold, Jim Liermann
December 4th Warren Lutze, Fritz Wehausen, Mark Knutson, Wayne Otto

December 10th David Schultz, Al Bonfigt
December 11th James Glaeser, Dan Knutson, Mike Enders, Brian Glaeser

December 17th Harold Bratz, Bradley Liermann, Peter Liermann
December 18th Eli Kenneke, Fritz Wehausen, Mark Knutson, Dean Luebke

Christmas Eve Service & Christmas Day Service:
December 24th David Schultz, Gary Vetter, Wayne Otto, Mike Enders
December 25th John Smith, Derrick Krey, James Ott, Dan Knutson

December 31st Len Arnold, Juel Knutson
January 1st Eli Kenneke, Brian Glaeser, Bob Lietzau, Jesse Lietzau

If you are unable to make your scheduled service, please call Brian Glaeser @ 775-3941. Also, if a Councilman that opens Church cannot usher that particular service and you would like to find a suitable replacement, please find another Councilman to take your place. Please let either Anna or myself know of any changes. This will take care of any confusion.

Thanks, Brian

Altar Guild Schedule

December 1st - 11th – Marie Knutson & Lois Glaeser
(3rd & 4th Put on Blue Paraments & Advent Banners)
(10th & 11th Communion & Communion Banners)

December 12th – 31st – Elizabeth Otto & Orabelle Fisher
(24th Put up white Paraments & Christmas Banners)
(31st Communion & Communion Banner)



Kids Corner

Bible Quiz

1. Who said he could call 12 legions of angels?
 - a. Daniel
 - b. John the Baptist
 - c. Jesus
 - d. Peter

2. What city did the angels visit Lot in?
 - a. Jerusalem
 - b. Bethlehem
 - c. Jericho
 - d. Sodom

3. What was taken out of the angel's hand?
 - a. A Scroll
 - b. Mountain
 - c. Fire
 - d. Food

4. Who did the angel of God wrestle with?
 - a. Malachi
 - b. Jacob
 - c. Samuel
 - d. Esau

5. What did the three angels look like to Abraham?
 - a. Men
 - b. Dragons
 - c. Birds
 - d. Tigers

Answers: 1.) c [Mat. 26:53] 2.) d [Gen. 19:1] 3.) a [Rev. 10:10] 4.) b [Hos. 12:2-3] 5.) a [Gen. 18.2]

Word Search

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(UP / DOWN/ DIAGONAL / BACKWARDS)

1. Far
2. Sin
3. Sing
4. Tumult

5. Noel
6. Love
7. Bridegroom
8. Praise

9. Thanks
10. Advent
11. King
12. Defend

13. Lasting
14. Promise
15. Revealed
16. Gifts

When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

Matthew 2:10

