



The Messenger

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A Special Present

Christmas is a family season. Many of you will have relatives traversing states and trekking the miles to see you, or else you'll journey to visit them. We gather because we're family, and because we're welcoming the newest member of our family, Immanuel, God with us and born to us on the Eve.

I've always relished the family-time of Christmas, but now I appreciate it more than ever thanks to a man named Manuel Salinas. Several years ago, my little sister Natalie began dating this man. As you can tell by his first and last name, he has not the German blood that most of us do. His father is from Spain. His mother is from Mexico. Manuel is Hispanic. Now my family has absolutely nothing against Hispanics, but we were not used to interacting with this other culture, especially within the family. Good thing Manuel is such a charmer. He made the transition easy. A joy. He won the heart of my sister and soon after captured the hearts of my father, mother, and all of us. It's odd for me even to refer to him as Manuel. To us Popes he is Manny, just one of the family. Especially, now that he has asked my sister's hand in marriage, and Natalie happily accepted. The date is planned for summer of next year. (They truly are a cute pair – Manny and Nanny.)

So much of what makes Manny special is his heart and the warm spontaneity of his spirit. His Latin manners put a lot of us reserved Germans to shame. For example, the first time I met him, last Christmas, his bright smile disarmed me. I reached out for a handshake but my feeble hand was overwhelmed by a pair of happy arms that wrapped around me and squeezed me like a rag doll. Manny wears his heart on his arms. He is very good at hugs, and we love it.

The man is also so very driven and ambitious.

Before he met my sister or reached twenty-five years old, Manny had part-owned a landscaping company in Illinois and gotten a degree in the culinary arts. That means Manny is a trained chef, and he has certainly put that skill to work. Manny and Natalie in their young age operate their own restaurant in downtown Racine. *Olde Madrid* opened for business in July of this year. Look it up on the internet and you can find a few local reviews. The reception so far has been very positive. *Olde Madrid* is a Spanish restaurant, hence the name, and they specialize in tapas, small entrees (e.g., tortillas with goat cheese basil dip) of which you order a few and then share with others at your table.

A few months ago, Manny moved from Illinois and rented out an apartment near my parents' and Natalie's home, so he can be close to her and the restaurant.

But the neatest thing about their relationship, by far, is that last year Manny completed Adult Confirmation Class with my father. Whereas Manny had known Jesus growing up as a Roman Catholic Hispanic, now he truly knows as a Lutheran that he is saved in Jesus by grace alone, through faith in Jesus' works not his own. I look forward to going up to communion alongside Manny, maybe on a vacation sometime. Our skin is a different color, and yet he is my brother, soon to be my brother-in-law. More than that he is my brother in Christ.

Manny is a great lesson for the Pope family and for all of us at Trinity. He's a reminder of the Christmas present we share, the *diversity* and *unity* we enjoy in that Bethlehem baby who grew up to be our Redeemer. **“There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” (Galatians 3:28)**

Pastor Gregory Pope

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN-BUILDING EXPANSION

The preliminary accounting from the Capital Campaign is in and now the work of scaling the project to the committed funds starts. I don't have all the numbers, there are still pledge cards being received, and the Building Expansion committee has not had a meeting at the time of this writing so I can not say just how much of the original plan can be accomplished.

I can say with certainty that we are going to be moving forward with some of the work. The accessibility for persons with disabilities and the elderly will be addressed. This will require the remodeling of the Narthex. The committee will be working with the architects to come up with an affordable plan,

Please keep watch for more on this. I don't know if it will be before Christmas or not but as soon as more definitive numbers and plans come together we will let everyone know.

John Smith, Congregational President

GIVING THANKS

We have just celebrated Thanksgiving and have started what the secular world calls the Holiday Season. For the members of Trinity we have just ended our church year and are starting the new church year with the good news of God's gift to us, our Savior Jesus Christ. For this we should be very thankful.

Giving thanks is probably the one thing most of us do the least. It is easier to complain than to be thankful. I would like to take this time to relay my thanks to many members of our congregation. I would like to name them but I probably would leave someone out and cause some misunderstanding.

- I am thankful for those who are willing to serve the congregation, especially those who continue to serve beyond the time that they feel they are able to do their best work.
- I am thankful for those who even though their employment causes problems with serving at least try.
- I am thankful for those who step forward and volunteer without being asked.
- I am thankful for all those who help with the many different organizations and committees within our congregation.

All these people make our congregation operate and they do it without complaining. Most of all these people do these things without expecting a pat on the back. They do this out of love and respect for Christ our Savior.

John Smith, Congregational President

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP TEAM

Our congregation's leadership team met this past Thursday to plan our next communication. Many of you are wondering how many commitments we have received for Trinity's capital appeal. The week of December 2, we will be sending out a mailing to each Trinity household, letting you know what our commitment total is. You should receive it by the middle of the week.

News from the WELS

Thanking God . . . for you

From the office of President Mark Schroeder

The flurry of fall meetings of boards, conferences, councils, commissions, and committees has come to an end. Now that I've completed my first round of meetings with many of these groups, there is a brief quiet time before the cycle begins again. This quiet time gives me a moment to depart from the "breaking news" format this newsletter to express my thanks.

I am thankful for many things at this time of year. But rising to the top of my list of things to be thankful for is . . . you.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you in this position. I'm still somewhat in awe that a clay jar like me would have such a privilege.

Thank you for your prayers and words of encouragement. I've received literally thousands of messages from people all over the synod—from lay people and called workers, from people I know and from those I've never met. In those messages you have given me words of encouragement, and you have assured me that you are remembering me in your prayers. (There have been one or two suggestions and ideas as well.) I can't tell you how much your prayers and words mean to me. Along with God's promises, the support of God's people—people like you—have been a source of encouragement and strength.

I am thankful because you have been demonstrating your commitment to rededicating yourselves to our God-given mission of sharing the gospel. You are doing this in your congregations. You are doing this in your communities. And you are doing this with your fellow believers through our joint efforts as a synod.

No, this has not been breaking news. But I wanted you to know that I'm thanking God every day . . . for you.

Serving in Christ,

Mark Schroeder

Visiting professors help Asia Lutheran Seminary share the gospel

Prof. Paul Zell, who teaches New Testament and homiletics at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, is the latest in a series of professors traveling to Hong Kong to teach at Asia Lutheran Seminary.

Thirty-six students are currently enrolled at Asia Lutheran Seminary, established in 2005. "Our seminary effort to the Chinese-speaking people is one of the foremost priorities of our entire world mission program," says Dan Koelpin, administrator of WELS World Missions.

Dr. E. Allen Sorum, New Testament professor at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, just returned from teaching a six-week course in Hong Kong on Oct. 27. Future courses will be taught by Prof. Ken Cherney and Dr. John Brug from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, and Prof. Keith Wessel from Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minn.

"Our stream of visiting professors give a warm, evangelical, firm, and consistent witness, even though they are not Chinese," says Dr. John Lawrenz, president of Asia Lutheran Seminary. He says a future goal is to have Asia Lutheran Seminary staffed by Chinese professors; in the meantime, however, the visiting professors are a welcome addition to the current three-man faculty.

Sorum says this collaboration of professors is important for the brothers and sisters in Hong Kong. "They see that in spite of our different institutions, in spite of our different ages, we all have the same perspective on the Scriptures," he says. "And they see, again and again, the same commitment to, love for, and enthusiasm about the unconditional gospel."

New effort to hold on to WELS youth

In its ongoing efforts to address why young people leave WELS congregations, the Commission on Youth Discipleship (CYD) last week released a new 5-part Bible study called "Creating Youth-full Churches."

Designed for use among congregational leaders, parents, and youth, the study builds on a previous CYD framework that suggests four common denominators among "youth-full" churches:

- They see the vital role they play in the training of youth.
- They keep young people engaged in worship.
- They demonstrate Christ-like attitudes.
- They target youth/young adults for involvement in the church.

Both the Bible study series and the framework that preceded it were designed in response to Youth Discipleship's landmark study, "Why Young People Leave WELS." The study was commissioned by the 2003 synod convention.

"The Commission on Youth Discipleship believes that this study and the resulting studies could be one of the most meaningful efforts it has ever engaged in," says Dr. Joel Nelson, administrator of WELS Youth Discipleship. "It could very well change the way WELS ministers to its youth and by extension, WELS itself."

To view or download the Bible class materials, go to www.wels.net/jump/youthstudy.

WELS jail ministry expands; new volunteers begin training

Forty new volunteers are working to become certified for face-to-face ministry in local jails with the help of WELS Jail Ministry Training Team. When training is complete, the new volunteers—located in California, Texas, and Georgia—will visit detention facilities in their area to conduct Bible studies.

In March 2007, WELS Prison Ministry partnered with Wisconsin Lutheran Institutional Ministries to form the training team, which recruits, trains, and supports volunteers for jail ministry. Initially, a majority of the requests for training came from Phoenix, Ariz., in an area that has five city jails and room for 9,300 inmates. Now, however, requests are coming in from all over the country.

“The numbers are starting to get very significant,” says Duane Anderson, lead trainer of the Jail Ministry Training Team. “For a while there were only 20 volunteers. But now we’re [finding] larger groups of lay people interested in jail ministry.”

As the team finishes its training for the year, Anderson is amazed by the continued growth of the program. “There are 10 potential volunteers in Cheyenne, Wyo., at our congregation of about 225 people,” he says. “I think this shows that our people do heed and listen and think about and pray over the opportunities to share their faith. They are open to volunteer and serve their Lord, and we know there are open hearts in jails and prisons.”

For more information, contact the Jail Ministry Training Team at jmtt@wels.net; toll free, 866-924-7688; or visit www.wels.net/jump/prison.

WELS volunteers make progress in New Orleans

WELS volunteers have virtually completed refurbishing the interior of four more homes in New Orleans that flooded in the wake of Hurricane Katrina in 2005. One of the homes is ready for occupancy—the three others should be ready by January.

In all, about 70 homes have been gutted and about 10 rebuilt in New Orleans in a partnership between WELS Committee on Relief, which funds the effort, and Faith in Action (FIA), which organizes the volunteers. Faith in Action is part of the parasynodical group WELS Kingdom Workers.

All of the homes are within walking distance of Crown of Life, the WELS congregation in New Orleans. About half are owned by members—about half are owned by other residents.

David Sternhagen, pastor of Crown of Life, says he is aware of at least two members in the past who have joined his congregation after their homes were rebuilt by FIA volunteers, but he understands that’s not the point of the rebuilding effort. “We Christians are supposed to be showing kindness all the time,” he says. “If people end up coming to church and joining, that’s extra.”

Thirty-eight volunteers—some full time, others part time—have been working since October 15. They are breaking for the Thanksgiving holiday and resuming work Nov. 26-Dec. 15. A new group of volunteers goes to work Jan. 5-April 30. Plans include refurbishing about six more homes and completely rebuilding two others.

More volunteers are needed for the effort in the new year. For details, or to learn how to support the effort financially, go to www.welsrelief.net.

The Bible-The First Five Books

This month's part of the Bible focus' on the First Five books.

NAMES FOR THE FIRST FIVE BOOKS

There are a number of different names that are commonly used to designate the first five books of the Old Testament. They are sometimes called the Pentateuch. This name comes from two Greek words that mean the "five volumes." These five books (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy) are also called the Law. The Hebrew name for them is the Torah, the Hebrew word for "law." They are also called The Law of Moses or The Five Books of Moses.

WHO WROTE THE PENTATEUCH?

The human author of the Pentateuch was Moses. There is no introduction to the Pentateuch that tells us this directly. However, the following evidence shows us clearly that Moses is the author.

1. **EVIDENCE FROM THE REST OF THE PENTATEUCH:** In a number of verses from books of the Pentateuch we are told that Moses wrote down what God had directed him to write. Look up these passages - [[Exodus 24:4](#)] [[Exodus 34:27](#)] [[Numbers 33:1-2](#)] [[Deuteronomy 31:9](#)]
2. **EVIDENCE FROM THE REST OF THE OLD TESTAMENT:** Other books of the Old Testament besides the Pentateuch speak of Moses being the author of the Pentateuch. See these passages - [[Joshua 8:31](#)] [[2 Kings 14:6](#)] [[Nehemiah 8:1](#)]. There are many more such passages in the Old Testament which clearly speak of the Mosaic authorship of the first five books of the Old Testament.
3. **EVIDENCE FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT, ESPECIALLY JESUS' TESTIMONY:** See these passages - [[Matthew 19:7-8](#)] [[Matthew 8:4](#)] [[Luke 24:27](#) & 44] [[John 5:47](#)] [[Acts 3:22](#)]

It is evident from these passages and many more that Jesus and the writers of the New Testament credited Moses with the writing of the Pentateuch. We have pointed out this evidence for the Mosaic authorship of the Pentateuch because of the views expressed by some. They say that Moses did not write these books. They say that these books are only oral traditions written centuries after Moses. They claim that they were written by a number of men whose words do not always agree. The testimony of Jesus, however, is sufficient. He credits Moses with the human authorship and speaks of them as having the authority of God.

THE CONTENTS OF THE PENTATEUCH

The Pentateuch covers the period of time from creation to the death of Moses just before the conquest of the Promised Land under Joshua. That means that in the Pentateuch Moses writes about events covering thousands of years. Here is a brief outline of what is covered in these five books of Moses:

Genesis begins with an account of creation. Adam and Eve are created and given the responsibility of caring for the world about them. By their sin they lose their holiness. God promises a Savior. People become so wicked that God destroys all but one family in a flood. Noah and his family are spared. God chooses to work out His plans of redemption through Abraham. Genesis Chaps. 12-50 record the events in the lives of the Patriarchs - Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Through this family line God promised the "seed" through

whom all the people of the earth would be blessed. The account of one of Jacob's sons, Joseph, is related in Chaps. 37-50.

Exodus Chaps. 1-19 tell of the Children of Israel (Jacob) going from Egypt to Mount Sinai. [Exodus 19](#) to [Numbers 10](#) tells of the encampment of the Children of Israel at Mount Sinai, where the Law was given. [Numbers 10-21](#) tells of the wilderness wanderings of the Children of Israel, a period of about 38 years. In [Numbers 22](#) to [Deuteronomy 34](#) the Children of Israel are encamped before entering Canaan. Moses delivers a long farewell address in the Book of Deuteronomy. In all of the Pentateuch there are two main elements that show through all of the contents. The first is HISTORY. We do not mean that it is just a history of the ancient world or that it is a history of Israel. Rather it is especially a HISTORY OF SALVATION, a HISTORY OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD. The second element that shows through all the contents is LAW. Law is so prominent in the Pentateuch that all of the five books are often called simply THE LAW. The giving of the Law is a big part of **Exodus**; **Leviticus** is entirely composed of laws; **Numbers** has Law mixed up with historical accounts; **Deuteronomy** has laws as a large part of Moses' long address in the book. We could say that the Pentateuch is a five volume book made up of HISTORY and LAW. (The Gospel always comes through in the history portions.)

THE NAMES FOR EACH OF THE FIVE BOOKS

Genesis - means "beginning." The book tells of the beginning of many things: the universe, man, sin, promise of Savior, etc.

Exodus - means "a going out," because it tells of Israel going out of Egypt.

Leviticus - means "relating to the Levites." The book is so called because it records many laws which applied to the Levites, the tribe named after Levi, the priestly tribe.

Numbers - The book is called Numbers because it relates the numbers of people included in the tribes of Israel.

Deuteronomy - means "second law." It is so called since Moses in this book states the law of God a second time.

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Announcements

DECEMBER SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE



From the Sunday School...

Christmas is less than a month away. The kids have been working very hard on the Christmas Program. Please keep going over the memory work / songs with them so they are very confident. It's very important if your children are going to participate in the Christmas Program that they attend Sunday School so we can practice together as a group. If you have any questions please contact Jessica Jungbluth 775-3912 or Anna Knutson 775-3803. There are some important dates coming up you will want to mark on your Calendars!

*Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal Saturday December 15th at 9:30 a.m. till 11:00 a.m. At which time there will be pizza in the basement

before we go to the shut-ins to go Christmas Caroling and drop off shut in bags.

*Children's Christmas Program rehearsal Sunday December 23rd after Church.

*Children's Christmas Program Monday December 24th at 7:00 p.m. (Please have children here in the church basement no later than 6:30 p.m.).

*There will be no Sunday School on December 30th.

Trinity Ladies Circle

Pastor started our meeting with devotion from the book of Esther. Did you know God is not mentioned in this book? But his wisdom is revealed.

We stamped Christmas cards for the shut-ins and Overseas Missionary Children attending school in the US. We want to thank Kim Fischer, Tammy Glaeser and Krista Tuschel for bringing card supplies for us to use. Also, thank you Kim for organizing the event.

Mabel Liermann explained the purpose of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society. Our church is part of the Shoreline Circuit and the reporters for our church are Jennifer Pope and Anna Knutson. They will convey information from LWMS to Trinity members.

If you would like to join the Trinity Ladies Circle please come to our next meeting on January 22 at 6pm.

* December 9 bring one dozen Christmas cookies for the shut-ins to the New Member Welcome and Christmas Dinner.

*December 9 @ 8am set up for New Member Welcome and Christmas Dinner.

*The TLC will not have a December meeting.

Gift Certificates

Do you need a gift for someone special? Or, do you give gift certificates at Christmas? Consider purchasing the gift certificates through the MLHS Scrip program. It is really simple. The order forms are in back of church.

Fill out the form.

On the upper left hand side there is a place to fill in a Family Name – please put Trinity Lutheran Church (unless you already have an account)

Choose: Send to my church – Mary Liermann has offered to take the orders to MLHS and pick up the certificates.

Choose the certificates you would like to purchase.

Include payment and put the order in Jim & Mary Liermann's church mailbox.

The following week Mary will put your order in your church mailbox.

When you look at the form you will notice there is a % next to each vendor. That is how much of the money will go back to MLHS. When you indicate Trinity Lutheran Church in (family name) on the form that means MLHS will put a portion of the money in an account for Trinity Lutheran Church. For example: a \$25 gift certificate with 4% gives \$1 to MLHS – MLHS will put \$.50 in the Trinity Lutheran account. If you do not indicate a family name the \$1 will go to MLHS. The money in the Trinity account will be designated to any of the children in our congregation attending MLHS. The money is used for their tuition.

Now you may be thinking – what is \$1. In 2006-2007 the scrip program disbursed \$63,771.75.

Please contact me if you would like help filling out the form or if you have any questions. Diane Smith 726-4323



New Member Welcome and Christmas Dinner

We hope to see you Sunday, December 9th for the New Member Welcome and Trinity Christmas Dinner. Please help us welcome new members to our Trinity family and enjoy fellowship over a delicious Christmas dinner. We will start serving at about 11am, just after the church service. Chicken and mashed potatoes are the main course. We are asking everyone (except new members) to please bring a dish to pass. Christmas carols will be sung afterwards.

Food Pantry Collection

Thank you for supporting the food pantry collection. We will take the food to the pantry December 3 in time for Christmas distribution.

Candy Bags

Everyone is welcome to help fill the candy bags on Saturday, December 22 at 9am. These bags are distributed to the children attending the Christmas Eve service.

MLHS News

MLHS UPCOMING EVENTS

PLEASE COME AND SEE THE YOUNG PEOPLE FROM YOUR CONGREGATION USING THEIR TALENTS!

Week of 12/3 – 12/9

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| Tue 12/4 | Girls' Basketball vs. St. Mary Central (H); PARENTS' NIGHT
MLHS Board of Control Mtg; 6:30pm |
| Thur 12/6 | Boys' Basketball vs. St. Mary Central (A) |
| Fri 12/7 | Girls' Basketball vs. Valders (A) |
| Sat 12/8 | Special Federation Delegate Mtg re: MLHS Building Project; 9:00am
Wrestling @ Oshkosh Lourdes |
| Sun 12/9 | MLHS Sunday @ St. John, Newtonburg; 8 & 10:30am
Grade School Band Concert @ MLHS; 3:00pm |

Week of 12/10 – 12/16

Mon 12/10 Girls' Basketball vs. Algoma (H)
Tue 12/11 Boys' Basketball vs. Valders (H)
Thur 12/13 Girls' Basketball vs. Brillion (H) Wrestling @ Brillion
Fri 12/14 Boys' Basketball vs. Brillion (A)
Sat 12/15 Girls' Basketball vs. Hilbert (H)
Sun 12/16 MLHS Christmas Concert @ Capitol Civic Centre; 4:30 & 7:30pm

Week of 12/17 – 12/23

Tue 12/18 Girls' Basketball vs. Chilton (A)
Thur 12/20 Boys' Basketball vs. Chilton (H) Wrestling @ Chilton

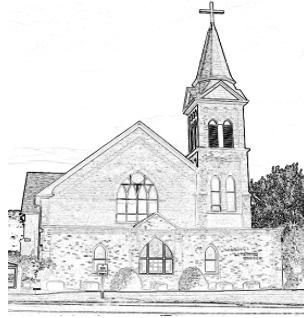
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Church Attendance for November



Saturday/Sunday = Total

November 2004

Week 1: 37/117=154

Week 2: 35/116=151

Week 3: 43/94=137

Week 4: 42/82=124

Thanksgiving 155

November 2006

Week 1: 27/180=200

Week 2: 29/121=150

Week 3: 38/89=127

Week 4: 34/89=123

Thanksgiving 123

November 2005

Week 1: 34/116=150

Week 2: 39/129=168

Week 3: 61/77=138

Week 4: 49/87=136

Thanksgiving 131

November 2007

Week 1: 18/158=176

Week 2: 60/85=145

Week 3: 37/119=156

Week 4: 24/154=178

Thanksgiving 125

"God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth."



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

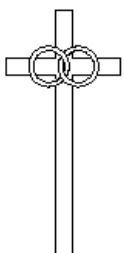
12/1 Lisa Kiesow	12/12 Benjamin Kiesow
12/2 Allyson Jungbluth	12/12 Joshua Kiesow
12/3 Carol Kasten	12/13 Lawrence Teesch
12/4 Kim Fischer	12/14 Brittany Kenneke
12/5 Sherri Kasten	12/15 Alex Free
12/6 Benjamin Lovell	12/17 Denise Preston
*12/6 Bernice Pleuss	12/23 Alexander Kenneke
12/7 Chad Knutson	12/23 Harold Jaeger
12/8 Mark Kiesow	*12/24 Lorena Nagel
12/10 Dean Bratz	12/26 Janet Matthias
12/10 Kaitlin Bushman	12/27 James W. Ott
12/11 Todd Glaeser	12/29 Charlotte Luebke
12/11 Shelby Johnson	12/31 Eunice Barnes
12/11 Jodi Lovell	
12/11 Caroline Schwalbe	

80 Years & more of God's Glory!

12/6 Bernice Pleuss – 86 Years Young!
12/11 Caroline Schwalbe – 84 Years Young!
12/23 Harold Jaeger – 85 Years Young!
12/24 Lorena Nagel – 94 Years Young!

Happy Anniversary To...

12/6 David & Jessica Jungbluth – 10 Years!
12/10 Bob & Gail Lietzau – 24 Years!
12/17 Steve & Bonnie Wagner – 15 Years!



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

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Ushers on Schedule:</u>
December 1 st	Harold Bratz, Mark Kiesow
December 2 nd	James Glaeser, Wayne Otto, Eli Kenneke, A.J. Kenneke
December 8 th	John Smith (Server), Mark Knutson (Server), Peter Liermann
December 9 th	Gary Vetter (Server), Brian Glaeser (Server), Jim Krim, James Ott
December 15 th	Harold Bratz, August Teesch
December 16 th	Dan Knutson, Elwood Free, Jeff Kasten, Alex Kasten
December 22 nd	Al Bonfigt (Server), Brian Glaeser (Server), Derrick Krey
December 23 rd	James Glaeser (Server), Warren Lutze (Server), Damian Bushman, Wayne Otto
Christmas Eve	
December 24 th	Gary Vetter, Len Arnold, Jeff Knutson, Peter Liermann
Christmas Day	
December 25 th	Keith Petersen, Marty Kiesow, Eli Kenneke, A.J. Kenneke
December 29 th	Al Bonfigt, Steve Pleuss
December 30 th	John Smith, Jim Krim, Elwood Free, Damian Bushman

If you are unable to make your scheduled service, please call Brian Glaeser @ 775-3941.

Communion Liturgy: Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for you for the remission of your sins.

May this strengthen and preserve you in the true faith unto life everlasting. Depart in peace; your sins are forgiven. Amen.

Altar Guild Schedule

Group 4: Marie Knutson, Darlene Kiesow, Marilyn Kaufmann, Grace Ott

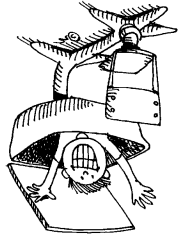
Our Greeters For December



December 2nd David & Dianne Schultz

December 9th 1st & 2nd Grade Sunday School
December 16th Dave & Tara Mellstrom Family
December 23rd Wayne & Elizabeth Otto
December 25th Steve & Eileen Pleuss
December 30th Jeff & Sherri Kasten Family

Kids Corner



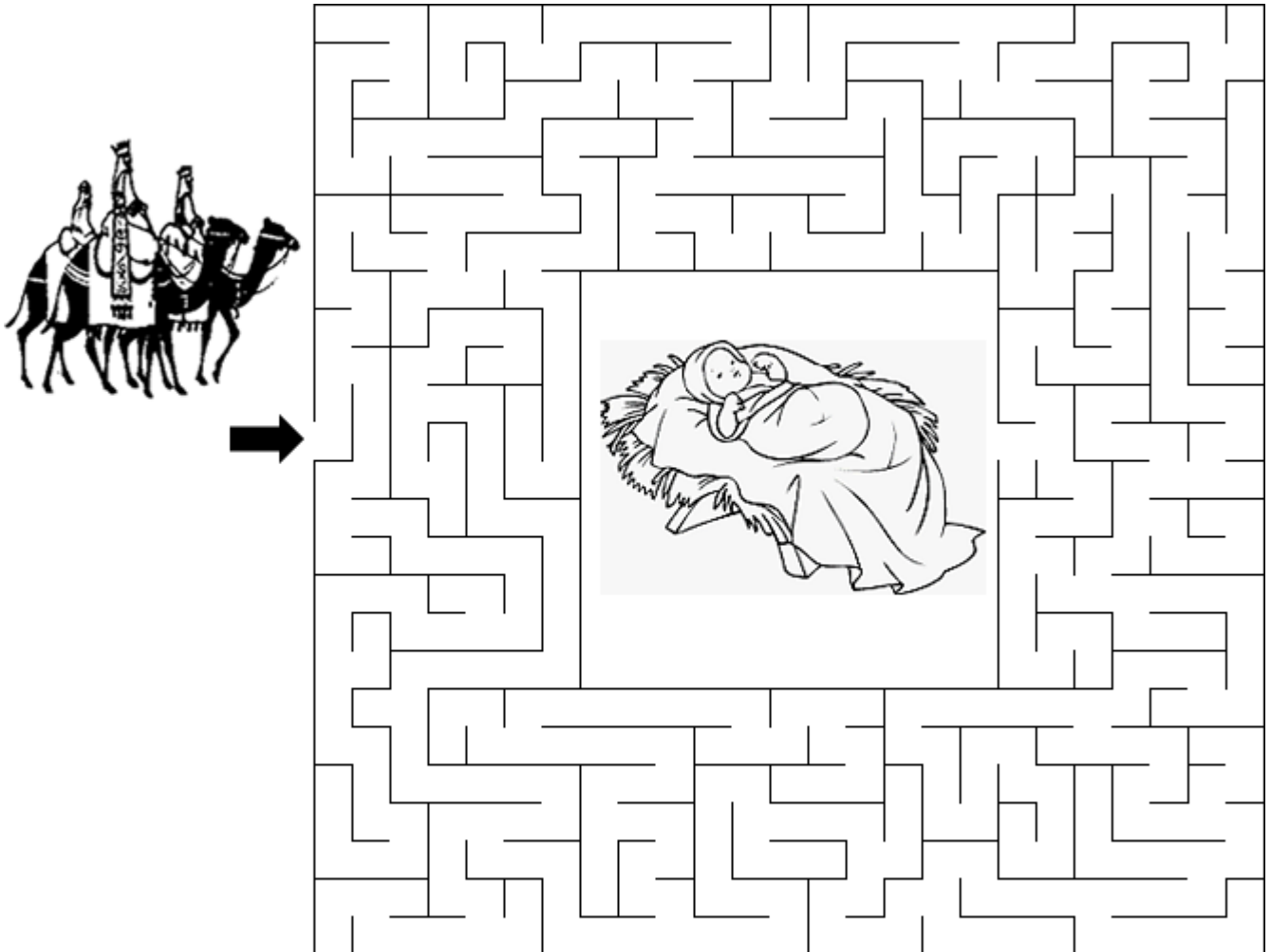
Bible Quiz – “Children In The Bible”

1. This boy was 12 years old when his parents lost track of him in Jerusalem.
 - a. David
 - b. Jesus
 - c. Jehu
 - d. Joshua
2. This boy’s mother brought him a little coat each year.
 - a. Jesus
 - b. Josiah
 - c. Abel
 - d. Samuel
3. This child was hidden at the edge of a river to avoid being killed.
 - a. Absalom
 - b. Moses
 - c. Joash
 - d. Paul’s nephew
4. Jesus said we must receive the kingdom of God as little children, or else:
 - a. We will not enter it.
 - b. We will be punished.
 - c. We will be servants in it.
 - d. We will perish in this life.
5. According to scripture, children will play here in the Kingdom of God.
 - a. The nearest playground
 - b. The middle of the street
 - c. The hole of the cobra
 - d. Under their vine and fig tree

Answers: 1.) b [Luke 2:42-3:1] 2.) d [1 Samuel 2:19-21] 3.) b [Exodus 2:3] 4.) a [Mark 10:15] 5.) c [Isaiah 11:8]

Wise Men Search for Jesus

Can you help the three Wise Men find the way to the baby Jesus?



"Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."
Matthew 2:2

Puzzle created by [Puzzlemaker](#)

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The First Christmas

