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REDEEMER RESOURCE

DECEMBER 2006

"Lord,
Teach
Us To
Pray"

Luke 11:1

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Dear Friends in Christ,

As we move into the Advent season, we have much for which to be thankful. Note the many extra opportunities to worship during this special season. Thanks to our choirs, children, elders, ushers, instrumentalists, lectors, youth, decorators, altar guild members, acolytes, and all who are working together that this might be a very special time of the year.

We are also thankful that we close our year with a full staff. We pray that we might continue to work together to give God glory - and to share His love with those around us.

May all of our Christmas preparations lead to a joyous and meaningful observance of our Savior's birth.

In His Service,

Christ the Savior is Born!

"WORSHIP THE LORD WITH GLADNESS"

DECEMBER 2/3

we will celebrate the First Sunday In Advent. Scripture readings will be Jeremiah 33:14-16, 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13, and Luke 21:25-36. The theme will be "The Crib and the Cross." Holy Communion will be celebrated at all services this weekend.



DECEMBER 9/10

we will celebrate the Second Sunday In Advent. Scripture readings will be from Malachi 3:1-7, Philippians 1:2-11, and Luke 3:1-20. The sermon theme will be "A Strange Warm-up Act."



DECEMBER 16/17

we will celebrate the Third Sunday In Advent. Scripture readings will be from Zephaniah 3:14-20, Philippians 4:4-7, and Luke 7:18-28. The theme will be "Anxiety At Christmas?"



Wednesday Advent Services

Services will be held each Wednesday at 4:15 and 7:00 pm, with supper served from 5:00 to 6:30 pm.

Wednesday, December 6 - "The Courage of Joseph"
 Wednesday, December 13 - "The Faith of Mary"
 Wednesday, December 20 - "The Hope of the Wise Men"

Any profits from Advent Suppers will be shared with Orphan Grain Train. Worship offerings will be shared with Family of Christ.

Christmas Worship Highlights

December 17 - Sunday School Christmas Program

Theme: "Star of Love"

Worship Time: 2:00 pm

Multi-church Christmas Carol Sing: 7 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church

December 23/24 - Fourth Sunday In Advent

Theme: "Are You Ready?"

Worship Times: Saturday - 5:30 pm; Sunday - 9:30 am
There will be no Education Hour this week.

December 24 - Christmas Eve

Theme: "The Love of God"

Worship with Holy Communion: 3:30 and 5:30 pm

(The nursery will be staffed at the 3:30 pm service.)

Candlelight Communion Service: 11 pm led by our Youth

December 25 - Christmas Day

Theme: "We Worship The King"

Worship with Holy Communion: 9:30 am

December 31 - Birthday Party for Jesus - 9:30 am

Rooms L-2 and L-3

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

Unless otherwise designated, these offerings will be shared as follows: 20% to Camp Omega, 10% to District and Synod Missions, 10% to Lutheran Counseling Center, 10% to Salvation Army Emergency Fund, and 50% for local Budget needs.

WE REMEMBER. . .

VALETTA M. O'CONNOR was born in Rochester, on December 29, 1928, and was made a child of God through the Sacrament of Baptism on February 4, 1929. "Val" was raised by her loving parents, Ernest and Mattie Gerber. She was married on December 10, 1950, and was blessed with two sons, Dan and Pat. Valetta joined Redeemer on May 6, 1975.

After a stay at Rochester Health Care Center East, Val went to live with her Savior on November 10, where she now joyfully waits for the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come. The funeral in her memory was held at Ranfranz and Vine Funeral Home on November 13.

Please remember her family in your prayers, as they look forward in faith to the day when all who are in Christ will be reunited again.

DALE GRIEBENOW was born August 30, 1929, in Grand Meadow, Minnesota. He was made a child of God through the miracle of baptism on September 14 of the same year at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Pleasant Valley. He gave public witness to his faith in the rite of confirmation on June 13, 1943, also at Immanuel. On February 1, 1958, he married Geraldine Loken in Houston, Minnesota.

Dale and Gerry have been members of Redeemer since 1958. Dale has been confined to his home since suffering a severe stroke six years ago. He died at home on Saturday, November 25, and the funeral in his memory will be held at Redeemer on Wednesday, November 29.



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS. . .

Hospitalized and Health Concerns:

✠ Betty Mueller, Carl Burfeind, Kevin Kruse, Obed Jacobson, Dorothy Groth, Sandy Weiden, Shelly Hein, and Carole Sorenson.

Guidance:

✠ That we might give joyfully of our time, talents, and treasure for the Lord's work.
 ✠ For all our newly elected officials.

Rejoice:

✠ With Brant and Laura Schimmel upon the birth of their son, William Edward, on October 28.
 ✠ With Michal VanProosdy and Armando Villalpa who were united in marriage at Redeemer on November 11.
 ✠ With Pastor Ron and Lisa Mudge, our former missionaries, upon the birth their son, Aaron Christopher, on November 12.

Grieving:

✠ The family and friends of Valetta O'Connor, who passed away on November 10.
 ✠ Bryce Beckman and his family, upon the recent death of his grandmother.
 ✠ Audrey Launt and her family, upon the recent death of her step-daughter, Patricia Launt.
 ✠ Gene Searles and his family, upon the recent death of his sister, Joyce Peterson.
 ✠ Dean Jensen and his family, upon the recent death of his mother.
 ✠ Gerry Griebenow and her family, upon the death of her husband, Dale.

Give Thanks:

✠ For all those who have pointed us to Jesus.
 ✠ For the privilege of living in a free nation.
 ✠ For all our faithful volunteers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

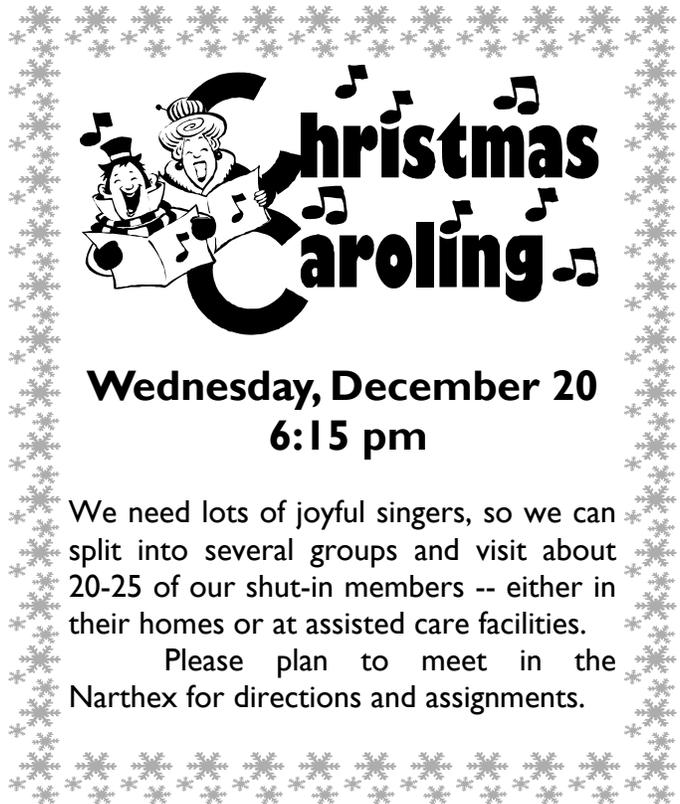


NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

will be Sunday, December 10, at the 10:40 am service. If you are interested in becoming a member of Redeemer, please talk with either of the pastors.

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION AND POTLUCK

On Sunday, December 10, following the 10:40 am service, the Church Growth Boart will host a potluck reception for our new members. Please plan to bring a large dish to pass. We want to give a warm welcome to our new members. Place settings and beverages will be provided.



**Wednesday, December 20
6:15 pm**

We need lots of joyful singers, so we can split into several groups and visit about 20-25 of our shut-in members -- either in their homes or at assisted care facilities.

Please plan to meet in the Narthex for directions and assignments.



PARENTS' NIGHT OUT! The Board of Family Life is hosting a "Parents' Night Out" on **December 2**. *What is "Parents' Night Out?"* It is an afternoon that parents can drop their children at Redeemer and have some time to go Christmas shopping, out to eat, run errands, etc. The children will be supervised by some Redeemer youth and adults. This is for children ages 0 to 5th grade. If you have children older than 5th grade, they will be expected to help with the younger children. We are asking that you send a sack supper with your child. **The date is Saturday, December 2, from 4:30 to 8:00 pm.** The cost is \$5 per child or maximum of \$20 per family. Please sign up in the narthex by December 1. We hope the parents of Redeemer will enjoy a "night out". If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Shirley Fingerson at 251-7284 or Jodi Hellickson at 288-6988.



EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND HIGHLIGHTS

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES – beginning December 3

“Book of Mark” - It may be the shortest Gospel, but it’s packed with power! Come join us as we take an in-depth look at St. Mark’s testament to the Savior of the world. We’ll look at the imagery, the poetry and the intricate drama that the Holy Spirit weaves in telling the greatest story ever told! Join Pastor Rance to learn more as part of this seven-week study.

“Office of the Keys and Confession” – Why do we confess our sins and receive the absolution at the beginning of the service? As Christians aren’t we already forgiven? What happens then in Holy Communion? How about private confessions? Luther’s small and large catechisms will provide an outline for this three-week study led by Pastor Heining. This will be followed by a four-week study on “The Quran and the Bible.”

“Creation” – Ever wonder about Intelligent Design or DNA or Scopes monkey trial? Ever wonder if there are scientists that don’t believe in random chance and millions of years...come and hear a testimony from a former evolutionary scientist. We will be talking about these and other topics related to creation/evolution in the upcoming bible class. This will be coordinated by John VanProosdy and Tim Strohschein and will feature different topics than the series last Spring.



THE TUESDAY EVENING WOMEN’S ADULT BIBLE STUDY

normally held the 4th Tuesday of each month is altering their schedule due to the Dave and Barb Anderson concert and the Christmas season. We will not meet in December but will meet two times in January. January 2, we will plan to watch a Women of Faith video, and January 13 we plan to continue with our regular study. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Walter (289-8394) or Sandy Weiden (287-6885).



Women’s Bible Study

UPDATED -- MISSIONARY NEWS BULLETIN BOARD



THE MISSIONARY NEWS BULLETIN BOARD next to the main floor rest-rooms has been updated to reflect the change in Redeemer’s sponsorship from the Mudge family to the May Family. The Board of Stewardship encourages you to stop by and familiarize yourself with the May family. If you have any questions, please contact Ted Saxman at 282-5079.

♪ Redeemer's Music Ministry ♪

Out of our music comes worship and praise to our King!
~~~ALLELUIA~~~

**THANK YOU** to all who attended the Dave and Barb Anderson Concert. What a joy to celebrate the Christmas Gospel message together through the gift of music! Thank you to Sounds of Praise who put in hours of time and effort to learn the music and sing for the concert. Thank you also to Bob Jenkins and Randy and Linda Wendt who provided the meals for the singers the day of the concert. Thank you also to the Worship and Music Committee who helped post posters and ushered at the concert.

**YOU ARE INVITED** to the **Christmas Carol Sing on December 17** at 6:30 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church. The area LC-MS churches are gathering together as the choirs join to share and celebrate the Good News of Jesus' birth. Please come to this wonderful opportunity to enjoy the beauty of choral music! The free-will offering has been designated to help St. John's Lutheran Church in Claremont – whose building burned down this past year.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING** will be happening on **Wednesday, December 20, at 6:15 pm.** We will gather together in the narthex at 6 pm to divide into groups! See you there!



### THANK YOU!

#### **THANK YOU**

Dear Redeemer Family,

*Thank you for your prayers, cards and support though the recent passing of my grandmother. She was very special and will be missed.*

*Thank you also for taking such good care of Pastor Rance in my absence. Each time we talked, he had an act of kindness to share with me, that someone in our church family had performed. You were a wonderful support to him also.*

*Many thanks and God's blessings,  
Leslie Settle*

**THANK YOU** to all for thoughts, prayers, calls, and cards upon the death of our sister. Your loving support is so appreciated.

- Jack, Glennis, and Dorothy Beach

#### **THANK YOU**

I would like to thank Sally Roerish, Craig and Krisanne Nelson and Alexis, Sara Feldhuesen, Libby Batterson, Leon and Rose Larson, and Ted and Connie Bennett, for their all their wonderful help with decorating the church on Sunday, November 26. Your help was greatly appreciated!

- Tim Batterson

**And a BIG thanks to Tim for leading!**

## STEWARDSHIP NEWS

### FINANCIAL UPDATE - All Things Are Possible With God!

October Budget Income: \$55,696

Year-to-date Income: \$507,162

October Budget Expenses: \$52,063

Year-to-date Expenses: \$520,068

We are thankful to all God's people who helped to lessen our financial deficit in October. While it will not be easy, it is possible to finish the year with a positive balance.

**"Simply Giving"** is an automatic withdrawal program for church offerings. Thanks to Thrivent there is no charge to you or the church. To enroll in the program, or to modify your giving, use the form on the counter in the narthex, and return it to the church office.

**2007 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available in the narthex. If you do not find your envelopes, or would like to request envelopes, please place your name on the sheet on the table. For those who have SGSE/Renovation Pledges, you will find yellow envelopes also attached to your weekly offering envelopes or separately at the end of the table.

**Please note:** Your envelope number for 2007 is probably different from your number for 2006. Please continue to use your 2006 offering envelopes through the end of the year. After December 31 please dispose of all 2006 offering envelopes. If you have leftover SGSE envelopes for 2006, please dispose of them and use the new ones issued to you, or be sure to request new ones. Also, if you are giving cash, the finance committee encourages you to include your name on the envelope or inside as this helps them ensure credit goes to the proper party. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 289-5147.

### NOTES OF INTEREST

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Marv Reinecke who was awarded the "Book of Golden Deeds" by the Exchange Club of Rochester. This recognizes his outstanding faithfulness to his family, church, and community for many years. Previous winners from Redeemer include Don Strelow and Bob Keith.

**BOOK OF CONCORD** Those 30 people who ordered this book from Concordia Publishing House will want to pick up this pamphlet with some clarifications. These are on the counter in the narthex, and are meant to be placed in the back of your book. There is an adhesive strip for your convenience on the back of the pamphlet.

### PROJECT COMPASSION

Do you have time to share with a shut-in? If so, we would like you to join us as a Project Compassion Visitor. We are a group of compassionate people who visit church members who are unable to attend church due to age, nursing home confinement, extended illness or physical limitations. We want them to know they are still part of the body of Christ at Redeemer and that we care about them.

If you would like to be a part of this special ministry and want more information, please call June Hovland at 288-7579.



## CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS - November 14, 2006

### **Old Business:**

Ginger Lagergren reported that John Sprenger had run some figures on the **house next door that is for sale**. According to his calculations, the asking price is about \$30,000 too high. This potential purchase was tabled until it can be studied further.

**Preliminary Budget 2007** figures were handed in tonight. If you did not have your figures ready, be sure to get them to Chris at the earliest possible date.

### **New Business:**

Planning for the future: Pastor Jim had recently attended a Breakthrough Leadership Conference in St. Louis sponsored by the same people who have prepared the curriculum for Christ Care and Stephen Ministries. He felt it was very helpful.

They suggest gathering seven or eight people who are representative of the various groups of the congregation to form an ADHOC committee to answer the following questions:

What are our basic values?

What is our purpose? Why are we here?

We need to assess the brutal reality of our present situation.

This committee will gather information from the congregation and coordinate the findings into a final plan. We need to look at our Vision and our Goals. For example, regarding the house next door that is for sale: we need to know exactly where it might or might not fit into this long-range planning concept. It is anticipated that this committee would meet for 8 or 9 months. Pastor Jim asked for comments from the group.

The group generally agreed that a plan of action of this sort is a good idea. The role of youth in our congregation is one of the most important subjects to study as they are the future. Also, considering our present financial situation, we need to focus on those things that are most important to achieve our visions and goals. A motion was made, seconded and passed that we get a guiding group together to format a plan. Our Mission Statement should form the basis of the focus of this group. The President of the congregation is empowered to appoint members to this committee. Hopefully, people from all areas of the church will be involved on this committee. Paul Rengstorf has agreed to facilitate this group. The complete committee should be assembled by the December Council meeting.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Although October was a positive month for contributions, we remain almost \$13,000 in the red for the year. Last year at this time we were at approximately the same deficit and managed to end the year with a plus. While we remain under budget for the year, budgets are arbitrary and don't reflect what actually happens. We hope to end this year in the black.

### **Church Growth**

#### **Ginger Lagergren**

New Member Sunday is scheduled for December 10. The committee is getting ideas from other sources for the new Welcome Booth that will be constructed for the Narthex. Our new pictorial directory is scheduled for a 2<sup>nd</sup> proofing in December and should be available shortly after that.

## CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS - continued

### **Education Committee**                      **George Poch**

The Sunday School teachers will meet this coming Sunday during the late service. The new Sunday School curriculum has caused some concern in Grades 1 through 4. We may have to replace it with some alternative curriculum material, which Michael Harvey is checking into. The board is also looking for a person to work with the VBS.

The theme for the Sunday School Christmas Program this year is "Star of Love". The program will be presented on the afternoon of December 17. The Sunday School mission program, Orphan Grain Train, is coming along very well.

### **Board of Elders**                                      **Memo from Dean Jensen read by Ruth Weispfenning**

The elders have discussed options for purchasing new hymnals versus refurbishing the old ones and will come up with a recommendation to bring to the Council at the December meeting. The Polka Service had an attendance of almost 300 people. Next year's Polka Service is scheduled for October 20.

The Elders continue to work with inactive members. A letter has been composed which will be sent to any inactive members, telling them they will not be getting the usual Redeemer mailings. If they want to remain on our active list, they should call the secretary and let her know that fact. These inactives will also be sent a Christmas card which will highlight Redeemer's Christmas services. Teresa Ellison and her children have requested a release from membership at Redeemer. The elders approved this release and will now forward it to the Council for their action.

### **Family Life**                                              **Jodi Hellickson**

"Against All Odds" will be putting on a concert at Redeemer on November 19. They are working on plans for Parents' Night Out and for a New Members' Basket.

### **Health Cabinet**                                              **Roger Toomey**

Fifty-two people received flu vaccinations at Redeemer's clinic. Final plans have not yet been made on how to handle getting food to our families in crisis. Also, Pastor Jim mentioned that he thought the defibrillator should not be put in the Health Cabinet's budget, but felt sure that people would be happy to contribute to this fund through memorials.

### **Human Concerns**                                              **Kay Fockler**

Redeemer hosted IHN the week of October 29, and will not host again until February 2007.

### **RLCW**                                                              **Dorothy Zemke**

The RLCW has been busy finalizing preparations for the Christmas Party on November 30.

### **Board of Stewardship**                                              **Ted Saxman**

The board is working on the transition of supporting the Mudge family missionaries to the May family missionaries. Bulletin boards have been updated with the May family information.

## CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS - continued

### Board of Trustees

**Ed Feeder**

The clean-up day on October 28 went very well. The new cement curbs will be anchored as one has already been displaced by the snowplow. The 9<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation class spent November 8 as a workday. The air system was balanced and a surprise find was that the air blower belt had come off! The board is looking for volunteers for snow blowing; Chuck, our present custodian, is tentatively talking of retiring next year, so decisions will have to be made as to what we need in a custodian, and whether or not we might need 1-1/2 people to fill the position because of the larger facility.

An inventory is in the process of being taken, and a tentative budget will be presented to Chris. An area of continual struggle is our bus situation. If anyone has a suggestion for a solution to this problem, please talk to Ed. Keeping drivers is a problem as they need a special license to drive the bus; inconsistent ridership is a challenge.

### Youth Ministry

**Melissa Haring**

The wreaths are in and will be delivered on Sunday, November 19. The senior high youth bowling night was cancelled because of the weather. A chili supper has been tentatively scheduled for January 14. The YES group is working on filling boxes to be sent to servicemen.

### DCE Report

**Michael Harvey**

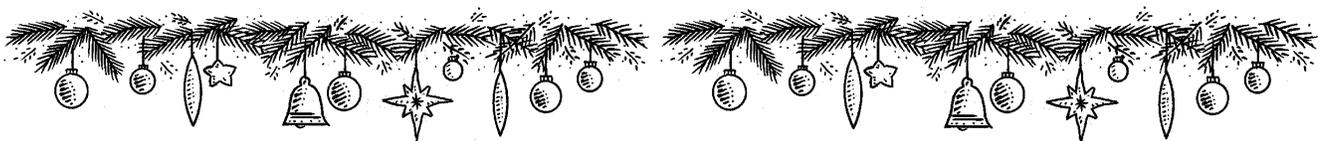
The Junior High Retreat went well; BRIGHT presentation was given on November 12. His confirmation presentation was well received and can be seen on the web site: [confirmationstuff.com](http://confirmationstuff.com). About 13 youth attended the first "Shout!" night. It will be held here at Redeemer again this month.

Michael will be working on recruiting a second Sunday School Superintendent, evaluating curriculum options for the Sunday School; recruiting youth for the "Parents Night Out" on December 2; and reported that we now have lockable file cabinets for the Sunday School rooms. They came as a donation from a business that was remodeling and had no further use for these files.

### DPM Report

**April Beckman**

The LSB Workshop was well attended with almost 80 who came from all churches. Pastor Jim is also having a Bible Class session devoted to the new hymnal the Sunday after Thanksgiving. The Sounds of Praise choir is practicing for their appearance with the Dave & Barb Anderson Concert on November 28 at 7:00 P.M. She sent out letters to 28 churches inviting them, and has received calls from a couple of other ones asking for information. Posters have been put up around town. So far April has recruited two people for a brass group for the Thanksgiving service. She will begin to prepare for upcoming Advent Services, is working with Lynette on the children's Christmas Program, and then will start working on the Spring music schedule.



## CHRISTCARE UPDATE

ChristCare is a small group ministry here at Redeemer. There are currently 13 groups that meet to enjoy fellowship, Biblical equipping, prayer and worship, and missional service. These four elements are what make ChristCare groups unique. They are often described as a circle of friends (care), with Christ at the center. Their small size allows for a bonding and sharing that you may not find elsewhere. Consider joining one of these groups, where you will find a place to be, to belong, to serve. Give one of these leaders a call and visit a group. You will be happy you did!

### **Circle of Friends**

Leader: Ken Stoltenberg (282-9613)  
2nd and 4th Mondays of the month  
7:00 p.m. at the Stoltenberg home

### **Arbor Terrace**

Leader: Ione Stoltenberg (282-9613)  
Every other Saturday  
10:00 a.m. at Arbor Terrace

### **Friends of Christ**

Leaders: Randy and Linda Wendt (281-1248)  
1st Tuesday of the month  
7:00 p.m. at members' homes

### **Mothers in Christ**

Leaders: Erin Harvey (529-5463)  
Michelle Noffze (280-7699)  
2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month  
9:15 a.m. at church

### **Partners In Christ**

Leader: Lorraine Fahrman (281-1931)  
3rd Sunday of the month  
6:30 pm at members' homes

### **Seekers of the Mountain Top**

Leader: Elaine Gittus (288-2747)  
1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month  
1:00 p.m. at church.

### **Sisters in Christ**

Leader: Joann Karges (202-7642)  
2nd Saturday of the month  
9:00 a.m. at church

The other groups are full to capacity. The groups are purposely kept small so that sharing can happen comfortably. There is a need for new leaders so new groups can form. We will soon start a new leader training course. Is God calling you to serve this ministry? Please give it prayerful thought.





# ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN NEWS

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## NEW EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

## NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY

**COME AND WORSHIP WITH "KINDRED"** (an international youth mission) on December 9 and 10 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Eyota. "Kindred" is part of Youth Encounter, an international youth mission that presents programs about the Gospel of Jesus Christ using word-witness, music, puppet shows and drama.

**Saturday, December 9, 7:00 pm** - Family Worship with something for all ages, songs, dances, and puppet shows

**Sunday, December 10, 8:00 and 10:00 am** - Traditional Service with music inspiration and children's sermon

"Kindred" is preparing to travel to Peru and Bolivia for a 5-6 month mission spreading God's Word. You can help them by coming to worship and giving your support. For more information, contact Tamela at 507-545-0181.

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**THE SEMINARY CHORUS OF CONCORDIA - ST. LOUIS** will present choral music for the season of Advent on the following dates:

*Friday, December 8, at 7:00 pm - St. John Lutheran Church in Austin*

*Saturday, December 9, at 1:00 pm - First English Lutheran Church in Spring Valley*

The touring choir of the Concordia Seminary Chorus consists of students who are preparing to become pastors in the Lutheran Church -- Missouri Synod. They represent a portion of the full Concordia Seminary Chorus. Rev. Henry V. Gerike directs the choir.

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**CROSSROAD COLLEGE** is presenting the live drive through Nativity on Friday and Saturday, December 1 and 2, from 6 to 9 pm. There is no fee; however, you are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for the Channel One Food Bank.

**CROSSROADS COLLEGE** is now part of the Post-Secondary Education Option (PSEO) program. PSEO students are Minnesota high school juniors or seniors who receive **FREE** tuition, fees and books, plus both high school and college credit. For more information, please contact our Director of Admissions and PSEO specialist, Scott Klaehn at 800-456-7651 or 507-535-3312. You may also visit our website at [www.crossroadscollege.edu](http://www.crossroadscollege.edu). Crossroads College is Rochester's 4-year Christian College.

## Seasons Hospice Bereavement Programs - December 2006

**Facilitated by Seasons Hospice Staff and Volunteers  
December 2006**

### **Memories of the Heart**

A program of music, reflection and candle lighting for all who wish to remember a loved one  
Tuesday, December 5                      7:00 to 8:30 p.m.                      Christ United Methodist Church

### **Coffee at Chatfield**

An informal discussion with others who have experienced the loss of a loved one  
Thursday, December 7                      9:00 to 10:00 a.m.                      Chosen Valley Care Center

### **Snowshoeing**

Explore nature and share with others who are experiencing the loss of a loved one  
Tuesday, December 12                      1:00 to 2:30 p.m.                      Seasons Hospice Cabin

### **Coffees**

An informal discussion and breakfast with others who have experienced the loss of a loved one  
Wednesdays, December 13 and 27    9:00 to 10:00 a.m.                      Seasons Hospice House

### **Memory Quilting**

Incorporate personal clothing of a loved one into a wall hanging and/or throw pillow  
Friday, December 22                      9:00 to 11:00 a.m.                      Seasons Hospice Office

### **NOTE: Special Program in January**

#### **Adult Grief Group**

An eight-week support group for those who wish to explore issues related to grief and loss  
Tuesdays, January 16 - March 6        6:30 to 8:30 p.m.                      Seasons Hospice Office  
Wednesdays, January 17 - March 7    12:30 to 2:00 p.m.                      Zumbro Lutheran Church

**Registration is required two days prior to the date of event**

Details and registration: (507) 285-1930 or [shbp@seasonshospice.org](mailto:shbp@seasonshospice.org)

Free will donations are gratefully accepted.

**Memories of the Heart** - A Community Memorial Service sponsored by Seasons Hospice Volunteers and Staff **on Tuesday, December 5, from 7 pm to 8:15 pm, at Christ United Methodist Church.**

Seasons Hospice volunteers and staff invite those wishing to remember a loved one to gather for the 11<sup>th</sup> annual evening of remembrance. This time will include special music, reflection, candle-lighting, reading of our loved ones' names and guest musicians (Anthony Cook, Cynthia Dario-Good, Jan Matson, Christ United Methodist Bell Choir). A reception will follow. A prominent living tree at Van Hook Park, near Soldiers' Field Park, will be lit that evening and remain lit throughout the holiday season as part of this memorial. For more information or to include your loved one's name(s), please call Season Hospice at 285-1930 or e-mail [shbp@seasonshospice.org](mailto:shbp@seasonshospice.org).

## MISCELLANEOUS NEWS AND EVENTS

### “LIFE QUOTES” from Lutherans For Life

“We may not always understand why events unfold as they do and we may be bewildered by why our labor seems to have been spent in vain, but we trust ‘Our reward is with our God’. Someday, we will hear our Lord say to us ‘Well done, good and faithful servant’. Until then, we continue on in the struggle to promote a culture of life! There is much to be done in our congregations, in our communities, in our country! Your labor will not be in vain! The Lord will richly reward you!”  
 Rev. Dr. Glenn Schaeffer, President, Lutherans For Life of Canada (1-888-364-LIFE) or [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org).

**PRO-LIFE RALLY** On January 28, Redeemer Lutheran Church will host a special Rochester Circuit Pro-Life Rally for the Rochester Community. Inspirational life speaker, Ed Szeto, will address current hot topics from a biblical and Christian perspective. Please call 289-5147 with any questions. At 5 pm all are invited for a classic Minnesota-get-together with a dish to pass at a potluck with drinks provided. From 6 to 8 pm the seminar will address issues of embryonic stem cell research, in vitro fertilization, cloning, and end-of-life issues taking place today.

### LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND - Merry Christmas From LCEF

Well over one billion dollars are hard at work in the church through the ministry of LCEF. Where did it come from? Everyone from K.I.D.S. Savers to Jumbo IRA LCEF investors have helped fund the construction of sanctuaries this year. Baptism, confirmations, weddings, and funerals were celebrated. Family Life Centers were built to invite new people in, host service events, and provide a place for members of all ages to grow in their faith. Thank you for your prayers and continued support of the Lutheran Church Extension Fund. Share the Good News this Christmas season, “. . . **they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts. . .**” Matthew 2:11

**ON THE RADIO** - *The programs below are produced by The Lutheran Hour Ministries.*

**WOMAN TO WOMAN** is aired over KNFX (970 AM) 9 am Sundays and on KFSI (92.9 FM) each Thursday at 8:30 am. Woman to Woman is a 30-minute interview program produced by Lutheran Hour Ministries, hosted by Phyllis Wallace. Upcoming topics are:

Dec. 3 - “Hurry Up And Relax”  
 Dec. 10 - “Toxic Relationships”  
 Dec. 17 - “Joy To The World”  
 Dec. 24 - “Staying In The Zone”  
 Dec. 31 - “Ways To Build A Better You”

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR** is heard each Sunday on WCCO (830 AM) at 6 am; KOLM (1520 AM) at 9 am; KAGE (1380 AM) and KDHL (920 AM) at 6 pm. The upcoming topics are:

Dec. 3 - “It’s Embarrassing”  
 Dec. 10 - “It Will Work Out”  
 Dec. 17 - “Shut Down The Shame”  
 Dec. 24 - “Loneliness”  
 Dec. 31 - “God’s Inseparable Love”

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**NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE**

**for articles to be  
included in the next  
Resource is  
Wednesday  
DECEMBER 20.**

**Please call the  
church Office  
(289-5147)  
with questions.  
Thank you!**

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE**

|                      | October 28/29     | November 4/5     | November 11/12    | November 18/19   | November 23/24 |
|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Worship Attendance   | 530 (101+258+171) | 540 (84+217+240) | 551 (104+205+242) | 557 (92+209+256) | 360 (208+152)  |
| Guests               | 47                | 55               | 58                | 48               | 44             |
| S. S./Adult Classes  | 223 (103+120)     | 229 (93+136)     | 205 (96+109)      | 207 (85+122)     | 180 (80+100)   |
| Budget Offerings     | \$7756.60         | \$14,098.00      | \$11,501.54       | \$8737.70        | \$1602.10      |
| District/Synod       | \$674.40          | \$1310.00        | \$1188.40         | \$922.30         | \$104.90       |
| Undesignated/Special | \$40.00           | \$80.00          | \$95.00           | \$15.00          | \$1948.00      |
| Renovation           | \$1578.00         | \$7526.33        | \$1063.00         | \$1782.00        | \$1525.00      |

**LOOSE COINS** for December have been designated for the Lutheran Association of Missionary Pilots.

**MEMORIALS/SPECIAL GIFTS**

- ♥ \$62 for LWML Mites
- ♥ \$12 for Tape Ministry
- ♥ \$152.44 for Orphan Grain Train
- ♥ \$10 for Good Samaritan Fund, \$25 for Orphan Grain Train, \$45 for Renovation Fund in memory of Herman Schmidt
- ♥ \$10 for Sounds of Praise, \$90 for New Hymnals in memory of Harold Luedtke
- ♥ \$20 for Bus Fund
- ♥ \$56 for Pastor Settle's Education Fund in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Priebe's 56th wedding anniversary
- ♥ \$49 for New Hymnal Fund in honor of Doug and Mary Koepsell's 49th wedding anniversary
- ♥ \$210 for New Hymnals
- ♥ \$47 for Undesignated Special Gift in honor of

- Orvis and Phyllis Dahl's 47th wedding anniversary
- ♥ \$400 for Music Fund in memory of Edna Freitag
- ♥ \$600 for Pastor Settle's Education Fund
- ♥ \$100 for New Hymnal Fund in memory of Arbutus Hogle
- ♥ \$25 for Christmas Decorating
- ♥ \$20 for Lutheran Hour Ministries
- ♥ \$200 for Christmas Decorating in memory of Dana Eisenman
- ♥ \$20 for New Hymnal Fund in memory of Joyce Peterson
- ♥ \$200 for Sharing Tree
- ♥ \$1000 for Renovation Fund in memory of Les Rupkalvis
- ♥ \$165 for Board of Family Life
- ♥ \$10 for Lutheran World Relief

