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“Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!” Well, I am starting to believe everything my friends, “down south” in Milwaukee warned me about concerning the snow in the Northwoods. As of yet, it has not been the quantity of snow that is concerning us but rather the fact that it snows so often. God’s country is amazing! I guess I had to see it to believe it!

In our Christmas story the shepherds were the ones to be given the announcement about the Messiah’s birth. The angel came to them with the “good news” of the birth of the Savior and they were terrified. After being told not to be afraid they are told that they would find the babe wrapped in bands of cloth laying in a manger. It is as if the angels knew that they would have to see it to believe it as well.

And so the shepherds go to Bethlehem and “see the thing that has taken place, which the Lord had made known to us”. Luke 2:15. The shepherds had to see with their own eyes what had been told to them. But then, they left Mary and Joseph returning to their fields while praising God for this new gift, the babe in a manger who would grow up to be the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Are we so different than those shepherds? Do you have to see it to believe it too? As a life long visual learner, I know that I am one who often needs to see it to believe it. And our Lord knows that as well. Many people have been put in my life to show me that Christ is ever present with us. I have



seen with my own eyes amazing things that could not have happened without Jesus being right there in the middle. Let there be no doubt that where two or more are gathered, He is truly present.

I hope that you will have a wonderful Epiphany where Christ will manifest himself in moments of revelation and insight. As Christ continues to reveal himself in our ever-changing world, may you be awestruck with wonder that a baby born in a manger will be forever our King of Kings!

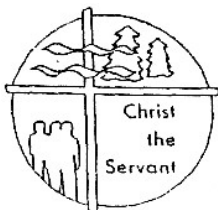
Go Share the Good News!
Vicar Gwen



Church Council

Church Council
Is it your turn to have the wonderful opportunity to serve on church council? Be a part of facing the future as a leader in the congregation. We will not only have fun, enjoy each other’s company, study the Bible together but we will also be

visioning for the future of Christ the Servant Lutheran Church. We need two people to step forward to serve a three-year term. Please see Vicar Gwen or Julie Kiser if you are interested or have questions.



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New Book Club

Beginning in January we will have a book club that will read four or five

novels per year. This winter the first book will be If I Gained the World by Linda Nichols. Nichols has a gift for Christian writing that will warm your heart. If you are interested in buying this book from Vicar Gwen, the cost is just \$2.00.

We will gather at church to talk about the book twice.

Monday 5:30 January 30 to talk about first half of book up to p. 228

Monday 5:30 February 27 to talk about the whole book.

** If a group is interested in meeting during the daytime please let Vicar Gwen know and we will arrange something.

"I love all beginnings, despite their anxiousness and their uncertainty."

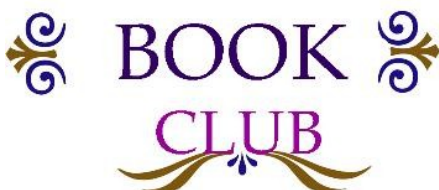
—Rainer Maria Rilke

"Music is the shorthand of emotion."

—Leo Tolstoy

"The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet."

—Frederick Buechner



Sunday Bible Study

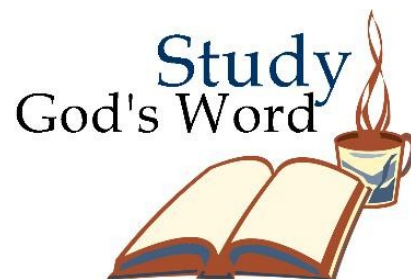
Join us for a fascinating walk with the characters of the Nativity Story as portrayed by Walt Wangerin in his book Preparing For Jesus. We begin at 11 am and all are welcome.

Jan 8 John and Joseph

Jan 15 Jesus

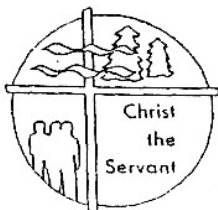
Jan 22 Simeon & Anna, The Two Kings

January 29th we will begin a study called, The Life of Paul for Today by Lyle D. Vander Broek. The donation for the book is \$3.50 and you can see Vicar Gwen to pick one up. This study will run until Easter and we will look at Paul's conversion and call as well as his role in supporting churches during his missionary journeys.



Friday Bible Study

We will start off the New Year by talking about Prayer. How to pray, what prayer is and how to make it a part of your life will be discussed as we look at prayers of many Biblical characters. We will be using a study guide by David Healey called, Prayer: An Adventure with God. The requested donation for the study guide is \$6.00 and you can see Vicar Gwen to get one. The Friday study is held at 10 am Friday mornings beginning January 13th and running through the month of February.



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Save the Date

Annual meeting of the congregation will be on February 19th at 10:45 am with a pot lunch luncheon to follow.



Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm.
Fridays at 5:30 pm.



Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

Thursdays at 6:00 pm (Women Only)
Saturdays at 7:00 pm.

Church Council will meet January 17 at 6:30 pm.

Hi-League meets on Wednesdays at 5:30. All High School age students are invited to attend. *Will NOT meet on January 4th.*

Confirmation Class will be on Wednesdays at 4pm. *Will NOT meet on January 4th.*



Please remember these people and these requests in your prayers this week.

Health – Darlene Roberts, Cheryl Rhodes, Alison Hill, Gwen Pitchard, Sam & Karen MacGregor, Beverly.

Cancer – Dawn Terwall

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Malawi, Bishop Bvume, Assistant Dean Pastor Peter Vinkhumbo of the Nkhotakota Boma parish, Pastor Mixon Mbewe of Sani Mission.

SPECIAL DATES

- New Year's Day, January 1, 2012
- Epiphany, January 6, 2012
- Baptism of the Lord, January 8, 2012
- Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday Observance, January 16, 2012
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18–25, 2012

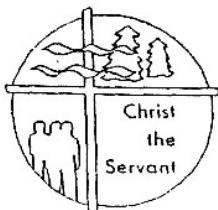


The First Sunday of every month is

Food Pantry Sunday.

The Last Sunday of every month is

World Hunger Sunday



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Easter & Lent Worship Planning Meeting

meeting is being held on January 16, at 6:00 pm. primarily to form a Worship plan for the Easter season. We would also like to discuss the Altar Guild at this time; Topics will include Communion, ordering new communion ware, and planning Lent services.

Please fill out an **Opportunity to Serve** form, as soon as these are filled in we can begin scheduling disciples for worship and helping around church.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help out at The Lord's Cupboard. For just a couple of short hours on a Saturday or Wednesday morning you can have the honor of helping your neighbors. For more information please call Pat Krueger at 715-744-2246

Thank you to every one who helped with Christmas setup this year, the church looks beautiful.



Thank you to everyone who purchased flowers for the altar.

In loving memory of Robert Quinn ~
Brian, Anna & Katrina Quinn
In loving memory of Mildred Weaver ~
Jeremy & Toni Bader
In loving memory of Harold & Marcy
Seehafer~ Mike, Kelly, Alyssa &
Mitchel

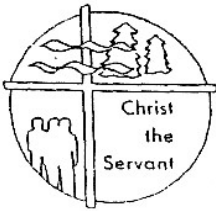
In loving memory of Edee & Mike
Hecimovich~ Gram Wilbrecht & Henry
Roberts~ John & Marge Hecimovich~
Dick & Darlene Robert's
In loving memory of Fred Schuth
~Arlene Schuth

In loving memory of Dick Effinger~
Chuck & Dina Erickson

In loving memory of David & Jeanette
Raeder ~ Dave, Diane, Holly Johnson
& Misty



Counseling services provided by
Limberg & Associates Counseling are
available at Christ the Servant on
Tuesdays and Fridays. To make an
appointment please call 1-800-788-5882.



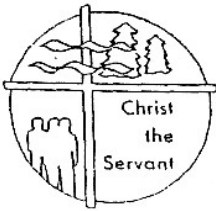
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JANUARY						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
New Year's Day 1	2	3	4	5	Epiphany 6	7
9:30 am Service 10:30 am Coffee FOOD PANTRY		7:00 PM AA Meeting		6:00 pm NA (women only)	5:30pm AA meeting	7:00 PM NA Meeting
Baptism of our Lord 8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9:30 am Service 10:30 am Coffee 11:00 am Study		7:00 PM AA Meeting	4:00 pm Confirmation 5:30 pm Hi League	6:00 pm NA (women only)	10:30 am Study 5:30pm AA meeting	7:00 PM NA Meeting
15	Martin Luther King Jr. 16	17	18	19	20	21
9:30 am Service 10:30 am Coffee 11:00 am Study	6:00 pm Worship meeting	6:30 pm Council meeting 7:00 PM AA Meeting	4:00 pm Confirmation 5:30 pm Hi League	6:00 pm NA (women only)	10:30 am Study 5:30pm AA meeting	7:00 PM NA Meeting
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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A caring disciple

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

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

___ adcltne			
___ rohmtae			
___ srgbape			
___ rbieda			
___ pehtshred			
___ rdhaenlca			
___ fadoo			

Her name in Greek

___ pdeesh	
___ dchilnero	
___ drove	
___ acehtr	
___ sarcos	
___ nusoatinm	

NO-SEW FLEECE SCARF



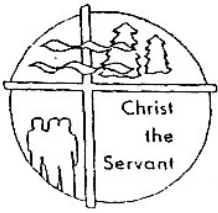
Winter is a difficult time for people in need, so make this scarf to help someone stay warm.

What you need:

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

What you do:

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



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LIGHT
as He
HIMSELF
is in the
LIGHT.

1 JOHN 1:7, NRSV