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REGULAR SUNDAY EVENTS
9:00 A.M. Christian Education
10:30 A.M. Worship Service

Pastor - Rev. Dr. Damon D. Laaker
Editor/Church Secretary – Pam Reents
Youth Ministries - Brenda Spahr
Organist - Cody Talarico
Sexton - Brian Sutej
Interfaith Health Ministries - Virginia McGill
Intern - Vicar Angela Khabeb

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to share God's Word and Love in
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December 2008
January 2009



THE GRACE MESSENGER

Council Notes



2008 Council Members

Ron Adrian	Sarah Emery	June Hilmer
Greg Hula (V.P.)	David Hufford	Regina Ivo
David Nange	Brenda Spahr (Sec.)	Grace Traynor
	Pastor Laaker **	

Financial Secretary: Janet Hula Treasurer: Margie Sutej

The regular meeting of the Council was held December 9th. The Council members shared their prayer concerns: care for those in need of healing; Bobby Heesacker, Julie Hovey, Mary Freed, Raean Rawley, Luke, Devin Robb, Bob Fread; care for those within the Grace family that they continue to heal; we pray for Ron Andersen Jr., Teri Briley, Sandy Fitzgerald that they stay strong during their battle with cancer; we pray for Ken Hilmer as he is having some heart and stress tests done; we pray for all who have lost loved ones and that they remain steadfast in hope; we pray for an end to all of the unrest and conflict in the world; we pray in praise for Gertrude Hufford in her speedy recovery. Pastor led devotions from Haggai 2:4 and Colossians 3:17 Haggai speaks with encouragement to renew relationships with God and in Colossians, Paul encourages us to give thanks in all things.

Visions for Ministry: The Council completed their reading of “*Effective Small Churches in the Twenty-first Century*” by Carl S. Dudley.

Reports were received from the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer. Please continue to give generously.

Christian Education: Wednesday Faith Quest continues with steady attendance. The December 17th class will include the Posada; which is an interaction story of the journey to Bethlehem from the Latino tradition.

Evangelism/Outreach: Please invite a friend to attend worship on the 14th and enjoy listening to Rejoice Lutheran Choir during their Cantata.

Finance: There has been a shortfall in the past couple of months. The council has authorized the use of undesignated memorial funds to cover the shortfall.

Property: Endowment funds were used to trim the big tree in the front yard; this should help the Blue Spruce regain its health.

Service/Social Ministry: No new report.

Support/Stewardship: Faith Cards returns have been slowly coming into the office. A reminder letter will be mailed out shortly.

Worship: Rejoice Lutheran Choir will perform the Cantata during our December 14th worship service. There will be a Youth Christmas Program during the December 21st worship service.

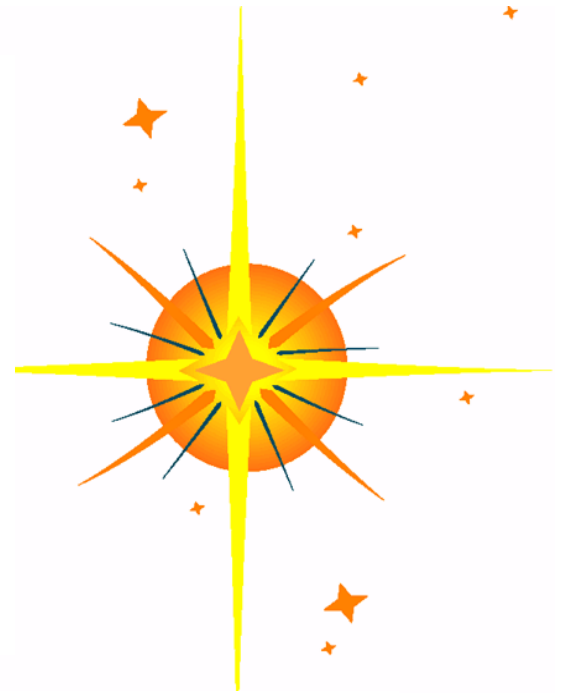
Unfinished Business: No new report.

New Business: Pastor received notice that Grace Traynor and Regina Ivo have resigned their positions on Council. Council will need to fill three 3 year terms and two 2 year terms for 2009. Nominating Committee will need one member from the congregation, remaining committee members are Ron Adrian, Angela Khabebe and Brenda Spahr.

Announcements: Reminder regarding Christmas Eve Services will be at 4:30 and 11:00p.m. Brenda will bring treats for our January meeting.

Christmas Prayer

God of love, we thank you for the gift of life with you.
May we always praise you like the angels and run to you
like the shepherds, ever aware of your deep love for us.
We pray for those in special need of your love: for the
grieving, the ill, the lonely, the homeless, the hungry,
and for all your children throughout the world. Through
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen



Dear Friends and Members of Grace,

Our prayers are an important part of our spiritual life. All of us were born into a human family. Christ, our Savior, was born into our human family on this earth. Truly we have received the greatest gift in this holy season. God has entered into our life and has become one like us in Jesus, our Christ. God has placed this gift in our lives and invites us to discover Christ anew.

I invite you to come and experience this gift given. A gift, full of joy, love and thankfulness, for each of us. May we praise our God who loves us in Jesus Christ. May we lift our prayers in love.

My family and I are blessed by your love and care. We cherish your prayers. We see in you the gift of Christ's love that grows and expands.

We invite you to join us in celebration of the birth of our Christ.

December 21, 10:30 a.m. Advent Children's Program, "The Fumbly, Bumbly Angels."
December 24, 4:30 p.m. Carols, Communion, and Candle lighting
December 24, 11:00 p.m. Carols Communion, and Candle lighting

May Christ Jesus, bring you peace and joy. Merry Christmas!

Pastor and Mary Laaker





The Vicar's Voice

I remember sitting and chatting with Barb and Eva one September afternoon. We were exploring various possible outing activities. As our conversation meandered through a myriad of ideas, finally we arrived at a Ladies Night Out—actually, a Ladies of Grace Night Out. Now, what will we do? Of course there would be food. But what else? A movie? How about a play? That's it! We remembered a poster from the bulletin board about the "Church Basement Ladies." "Church Basement Ladies" is a play inspired, in part, by the best selling book *Growing Up Lutheran*. That's perfect! Oh yes, this was shaping up to be quite an outing.

Quickly we called the box office only to find out that one of the performances was already sold out and tickets to the other shows were going fast. The box office manager informed us that we should reserve our tickets ASAP and that if we had a group of 12 or more, we would receive a pretty decent discount. I put her on hold and asked Barb and Eva if we should reserve 12 tickets. Eva was enthusiastic. She said, "Put us down for 15 tickets!" Although I was doubtful, I did. And to my very pleasant surprise, the response was so great that I had to ask for 5 more tickets.

Our winter outing was scheduled for November 30th (the first Sunday of Advent). It was an incredible time of fellowship, food, and fun! We met at the church Sunday afternoon and went to dinner together at the Cracker Barrel, YUM! Then we went to Iowa Western Community College to see the "Church Basement Ladies." I think it is safe to say that everyone had an amazing time. The food was good, the fellowship was great, and the play was hilarious. To top it all off, our event was multi-generational! We had ladies from ages 16 to nearly 80! It was a fantastic turn out.

So I got to thinking...if we can reach out and invite our friends and family to a church outing, then certainly we can reach out and invite our friends and family to Sunday morning worship. In fact, I think we can broaden our invitation circle to include neighbors, co-workers, and even casual acquaintances as well. We've already proven we can do it. So as we continue to prepare for our Lord's coming, let us also prepare to invite others to the celebration of Sunday morning Worship. Imagine what God can do through us in our community and beyond! Just think- it all starts with us. Now, as we prepare for our greatest celebration—the birth of Jesus, the Messiah, may we remember our Christian commitment to share this awesome gift with others.

Have an Adventurous Advent, Merry Christmas, and an "Inviting" New Year!

Blessings to you and yours,
Vicar Angela Khabeb

"Then the master told his servant, 'go out to the highways and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house may be filled.'" Luke 14:23

Did you Know

- ♥ 96% of people who don't go to church would possibly attend church if they are invited.
- ♥ Most people who do not attend church feel guilty about not attending.
- ♥ People who do not go to church would like to develop a real, sincere and genuine relationship with a Christian.
- ♥ People who don't attend church would typically prefer to attend on a Sunday morning if they decided to attend.

<http://www.evangelag.net>



Christmas Worship

at
Grace Lutheran Church

We welcome you
To join us!

December 21, 2008
Youth Christmas Program
During the Worship Service
10:30 a.m.



Christmas Eve Service

You are cordially Invited!

December 24, 2008

4:30 p.m.

&

Candle Light Service

11:00 p.m.

Candles

Carols

Readings

Scripture

W/ELCA Board Meeting and Circle Meeting

January 20 at the church.
1:00 p.m.
Hostess and Bible Study Leader: Barb Nelson



*Women of the Evangelical
Lutheran Church in America*



Prayer Service
Monday, January 19, 2009
7:00 p.m.

Grace Lutheran Church
1326 S 26 St.
People of all Faiths Welcome!

Come for a quiet time of Meditation,
Soft lighting, Gentle Music, Prayer and Anointing for Healing.

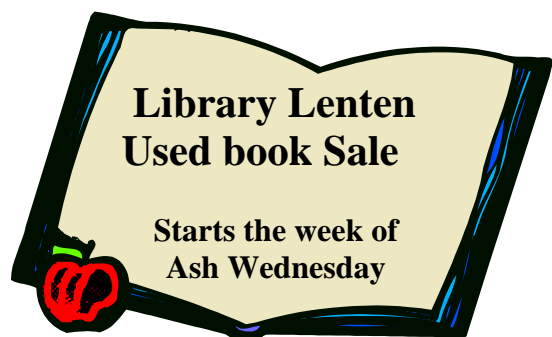
Got Your 2009 Scripture Calendar Yet?

This is a beautiful, high quality calendar
with scripture verses and wonderful scenes.

Similar calendars at the mall and stationary shops sell for up to \$12.00!

Buy Them for Gifts or for Yourself.

Only \$5.00 each
Hurry! Quantities are Limited!



Start saving your good used books !

The 4th Annual Used Book Sale will begin on Ash
Wednesday, February 25th

Donate good used books, CD's, DVD's and videos
for our Lenten Used Book Sale.

A Box will be provided for your donations at the
beginning of January.

Monies raised go for Library books and projects.

“Let us read and let us dance -
two amusements that will never
do any harm to the world.”

Voltaire



Stewardship Minute

*Monthly reflections on our role
as managers of God's blessing.*

Month 5

An oxymoron is the use of two terms which are contradictory in nature. "Jumbo shrimp" is an oxymoron. "Ferocious lamb" is another. "Dumb scholar" is yet another.

One of the saddest and most contradictory is the oxymoron, "Stingy Christian." Because we have been redeemed through our faith in Christ, Christians should be the most generous of all people. We have been abundantly blessed of God, who has given us all things richly to enjoy (Rom. 8:32).

James 1:17 expresses this truth clearly: "Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change."

Think about some of God's good gifts:

- God gives the seed (Gen. 1:11).
- God gives the rain (Job 5:10).
- God gives health (Jer. 30:17).
- God gives life (Acts 17:25).
- God gives strength (Isa. 40:29).
- God gives riches (1 Chron. 29:12).
- God gives grace (2 Cor. 12:9).
- God gives eternal life (Rom. 6:23).

And God gives us money and the ability to get wealth. Solomon said that money is one of God's gifts to people. The purpose for which He gives us money is stated clearly in Ecclesiastes 5:19 — for our enjoyment.

Some of us make that the primary reason for money. We major in pleasure and the things money can do for us. But there is another major purpose God gives us money, something that also can bring great pleasure: To give it back to Him.

That's why of all the oxymorons in existence, "Stingy Christian" is the most contradictory. We who have been given the most from God should be the most generous people in the world.

As the tombstone in an old cemetery read, "What I spent, I had; what I saved, I lost; what I gave, I have."
From "Effective Stewardship" by Kenneth L. Williams



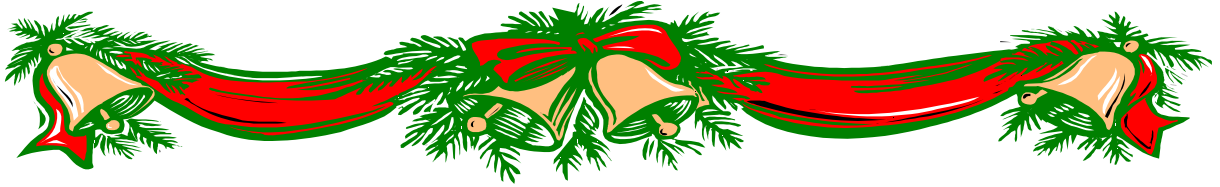
*Now
Available
on the
Table at the
back of the
Sanctuary*

January Stewardship Principle

**God grants to people the ability to earn that
which is His already: money and wealth.**

*"Riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all.
In your hand are power and might;
and it is in your hand to make great
and to give strength to all" (1 Chron. 29:12).*

Prayer Concerns from Family and Friends



- ♥ Elna Burns - Suffered a stroke. (Sister of Don Olson, member)
- ♥ Andrew Edwards - Doing dialysis a couple times a week until a kidney can be found. (member)
- ♥ Ernie Olson - On-going therapy after his stroke. (member)
- ♥ Teri Briley - Cancer treatments continue. **New!** She has gained some of her strength back and is back working in her field of nursing. (daughter of Gloria and Richard Moore)
- ♥ Ron Anderson Jr.— Ron is not doing very well. Pray for peace and calm for the family. (son of Ron Sr. & Mickey Anderson) Info on Ron can be accessed at:
<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/ronandersen>
- ♥ Sandy Fitzgerald - Cancer treatment continues. **New!** She is in good spirits and very optimistic. (member)
- ♥ London Colstan - tiny infant struggling with liver problems. (Friend of Morlan/Olson family)
- ♥ David Nange - Healing for regulation of blood pressure and headaches. (Council Member)
- ♥ Fern Matson - Ongoing Health issues. (member)
- ♥ Allisia Fredrickson -Had surgery to repair shattered ankle & torn ligaments. (KAW Alumni)
- ♥ Friends and family of Herbert Fitle at his death. (Brother of Attendee Ralph Fitle)
- ♥ Friends and family of Pastor and Mary Laaker at the death of Pastor's mother in late November.
- ♥ Ambros Lado - Ongoing Health issues as a result of his stroke. (member)

Pray for our Shut - ins and Nursing Home residents:

Mae Lane

Richard Moore

Thelma Harrahill - (In Kansas with her children)

Pray for wisdom for your Church Council here at Grace Church. **New!** The Council will be praying about who will be asked to be on Council in 2009. Is it you?

Pray for our Vicar, Angela and her family, husband, Benhi and son, Konami.

Pray for strength and spiritual wisdom for the leaders in the local church and the Nebraska Synod:

Pastor Laaker

Bishop David deFreese, Nebraska Synod

Bishop Mark Hanson, ELCA Bishop, United States

- ♥ Pray for the Sudanese community. Titus Duli, David Nange and Charles Tuw are the elders for the Sudanese Worshiping Community.
- ♥ Pray for travel safety for several hundred Sudanese planning to attend their Christmas celebration here at Grace Lutheran Church on Christmas Day. Guests from 5 states are expected to travel to Omaha to attend. **New!** On Christmas Day, over two hundred Bibles will be distributed to the guests. These Bibles are being given as a result of gifts from members of Grace Lutheran Church, and other donors around the country who gave money. Pray the God's Word would richly bless the lives of the families that receive them.
- ♥ Pray for Jadin Kora. Jadin Kora was born with a disabling birth injury to his arm and shoulder. **New!** Jaden and his family traveled to St Paul, MN in early December to consult with specialists there about the course of treatment for his disability.
- ♥ John Ivo Mounto - As commissioner of Mabaan, Ivo has many responsibilities both to his province and to Southern Sudan as he does representative and ambassador work in various refugee camps to raise support for important elections in 2009. His work makes him a target. Pray for his safety! .



4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Monday thru Thursday

Games, Crafts, and Fun
Geared for Elementary Kids!

Free!

Director, Brenda Spahr

There will be no After School Program during winter break. The last day in December will be Thursday, December 18th. The program will resume on January 6th, 2009.

Happy Holidays from Brenda and the Kids of the AfterSchool Program!



2009 Flower Chart

The 2009 Flower Chart will be posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.

The Flower Chart sign-up is your opportunity to sponsor flowers for a special Sunday in honor of an important event in your family's life or in memory of someone dear to you. The cost to sponsor flowers for a Sunday is \$12.00.

We need volunteers to sign up each month to pick up the flowers for the altar.

Sign up on the Flower Chart.

The flowers need to be picked up before 10:00 a.m. each Sunday morning at the Hy-Vee at 50th and Center. The church is billed so you will not need to pay for them at the time of pick up.

Contact Marilyn Van Ormer or Barb Narducci for more details.

Operation SOS (SAVE OUR SECRETARY)

(from being frazzled, pressured, grumpy and generally anxious!)

Annual Report Time!

All chairpersons from each committee and organization should have their annual report summary in by the first week of January. The treasurer's reports will be due the second week of January. Please try to meet these deadlines so that our report can be printed and put together for distribution on Sunday, January 18.

The Annual Meeting and Potluck is scheduled for January 25th.



Please turn your reports in on time!



"Helping Hands"

Working Together in God's service



Project Hope
The Theme for January is
Canned Soup or Stew.

Peanut butter is always in short supply!

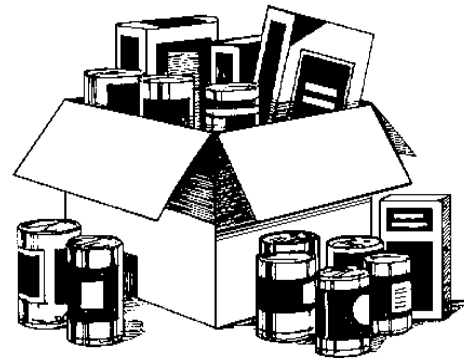
Project Hope needs boxes of zip lock bags in quart or gallon size, soup, macaroni, pasta, rice, diapers, bathroom tissue and feminine hygiene items.

Project Hope is also looking for good books, magazines and children's toys to include in the client's food bag. If you have some new toys, gently used toys, or adult/children's books, please put them on the shelf in the Upper Fellowship Hall.

What Goes into a Food Bag at Project Hope?

- 1 Cereal
- 2 Canned chicken (or tuna)
- 1 Elbow Macaroni
- 2 Fruits
- 1 Peanut Butter
- 4 Vegetables
- 1 Tomato Sauce
- 1 Pork & Beans
- 2 Canned Soup or Ramen
- 2 Macaroni & Cheese
- 1 Sleeve of Crackers
- 1 bag of Popcorn
- 1 package of Cookies

One more bag is provided per one to two additional members in a family.
A selection of frozen foods is given as available from the Food Bank.



The Mitten Tree is up!

Thankyou to all the folks that have donated gloves, mittens, scarves, socks and other gifts of warmth. These gifts will be donated at the end of December to area shelters.

There is still time to make a difference!

Winter items are needed in all sizes.
Bring your donations and place them on the tree.



News from the Families of Grace Lutheran Church

Dear Friends at Grace Lutheran,

Bob and I want to thank you for all the lovely cards and best wishes we received for our 60th wedding anniversary celebration.

We are so grateful for the fellowship here at Grace Lutheran Church. The love and care we have received from you all over the years has brought us joy in the good times and comfort in the hard times. We are truly blessed.

With many thanks,
Bob and Lavonne Moss and families.



Photographers Club Exhibition

Through the end of December, the Photographers Club meeting at Grace Lutheran has an exhibition of some of their finest photos at Hot Shots Art Center located at 13th and Nicholas. Grace Lutheran Church member, Jack Williams, has nineteen pictures displayed in the exhibition. Jack is an accomplished photographer with awards for his wonderful pictures. Stop by and take a look. The exhibition is free to the public.

Congratulations, Graduate

Don and Pam Reents would like to announce the graduation of their daughter, Kathryn Reents from University of Nebraska at Omaha on December 19, 2008.

Kate graduates with a Bachelor of Science/Business Administration specializing in Accounting.

Thanks to

- ♥ All the folks who have prepared food, served food, taught lessons, led or helped with crafts, led games and all the preparation necessary to have a successful Wednesday Faith Quest Program. Wednesday Faith Quest will resume in January after the Christmas and New Year holidays are over.
- ♥ Brenda Spahr for organizing a Children's Christmas Program this year. The program will be presented on December 21st. Brenda also directs the After School Program Monday through Thursday during the school year.
- ♥ Jerry Van Ormer, Ken Hilmer and Bob Moss for their care of church property issues such as lawn care, snow blower repairs and general handyman work.
- ♥ Jack Williams for his diligent care of the plants and trees in the front entryway.





Merry Christmas!
Feliz Navidad!
From Your Interfaith Director
and Staff.



Interfaith Health Service--Responding to Participant Requests

For several months, our Interfaith staff and I have been working with a young woman, Martha, as she makes plans to attend college. For as long as she can remember, Martha has desired to become a nurse so that she can "help others and bring them comfort when they are sick." Martha has an extremely caring and genuine nature and is seeking out studies for nursing to help provide for her family while also integrating her desire to help others into her future.

Our Creighton nursing students worked directly with Martha on her application forms, while Gema and I meet on an on-going basis with Martha and her mom about college options, scholarship ideas and goal setting. Interfaith also resourced with the College of Saint Mary's, Metro Community College, Creighton Admissions and Methodist College to gather ideas for Martha and help her solidify her plans.

Martha and I just completed the remaining items on her placement and scholarship documents this month and sent them off to be processed. Martha is hoping to begin nursing pre-requisite classes this coming year. It will not be an easy task for her, she has a young son to arrange childcare for and needs to establish a means of reliable transportation to and from classes. This being said, Martha is enthusiastic about beginning college and her initiative and strong desire to begin her studies mean that she has overcome many odds already in even beginning the college process.

It sometimes takes a village to help the women in our Interfaith programs along with their dreams. I'm grateful to all of the people and organizations who have helped Martha along the way. I am also grateful to Martha for having such a strong commitment to actively pursuing her dream.

Martha has asked that we keep her and her family in prayer as she continues on her journey. May it be fruitful and blessed.

Mil Gracias,
Virginia McGill, Interfaith Health Service

If you're alone,
I'll be your shadow.
If you want to cry,
I'll be your shoulder.
If you want a hug,
I'll be your pillow.
If you need to be happy,
I'll be your smile.
But anytime you need a friend,
I'll just be me.

~Author Unknown

My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was and I told him, "Sixty-two."

He was quiet for a moment, then he asked, "Did you start at one?"



From The Editor



I'm a collector. I used to tell everyone not to give me knick-knacks because I didn't like the clutter but on a recent trip around my house, I was shocked to notice how many of those little items I had setting around. Not that I collect expensive things. I love dolls. I have a small fan collection. I have a large cookbook collection and a passion for old sparkly costume jewelry. I tend to let magazines and newspapers pile up because "I might want to read something before I toss it." I also love books so my home is filled with overflowing bookshelves. My family members are collectors, too. Don's silver leaf glasses, M & M dispensers, toy cars and Snoopy memorabilia and Kate's large collection of Sci-Fi books, her keychain collection and the bits and pieces that make her happy are also part of the mix. In short, my house is full!

At Christmastime, the problem of clutter gets even worse. Now along with my family's collections, we need to find room for all the traditional Christmas stuff...the large tree filled with the Christmas ornaments of years gone by, the many decorations that have been collected over the years, the center piece that must fit on the already piled high dining table...room for the wrapping paper and gifts that have been purchased in anticipation of Christmas gatherings with loved ones. The past few years I have had difficulty finding room for the very large crèche my father made me several years ago. My father crafted the building out of rustic materials he found around his workshop and our yards, scavenging bits of bark, twig and moss to complete the look.

As I was taking a look around my house this year, I began to wonder at my reluctance to find room for the nativity scene. I had a lot of excuses...too big...makes me miss Dad too much...too much work to wrestle it out of it's storage place...no room! That's exactly the same circumstance that caused Mary and Joseph to take shelter in a stable on the night of Jesus' birth. No room at the inn.

On Sunday, I heard a sermon on why it was good for Jesus to have been born in a stable and why the first people to hear of the birth of the Messiah were shepherds. Because of His lowly birth, the common, poor people of the world were welcomed, first. If He had been born royalty, only the elite and wealthy would have had access to Him. He had to be born to poor circumstance so that anyone, rich or poor, important or the marginalized would be welcomed.

So, where is the Christ Child in your Christmas season? Is He welcome to a prominent place in your thinking or does He live in a forgotten, dusty storage place in your life? What will you do with Him after Christmas? Will you wrap Him up in tissue paper and put Him back into storage? His greatest desire is to be invited into our daily living. He wants a very intimate and personal relationship with you and I. He is Emmanuel, God with us! All we have to do is acknowledge our need of Him and ask Him to take charge our lives.

"Lord, I cannot live this life without you.
No matter how hard I try, my good works alone will not bring me close to you.
I accept the gift of your Son born to set me free from sin.
Live with me today and everyday. Amen."

May you and yours have a Merry Christmas and a God-filled New Year!

Pam Reents, Editor



Blessed
New Year!

"Christmas gift suggestions:
To your enemy, forgiveness.
To an opponent, tolerance.
To a friend, your heart.
To a customer, service.
To all, charity.
To every child, a good example.
To yourself, respect."
~ Oren Arnold



Special Days at Grace

December 15, 2008 - January 31, 2009

Consult the Church Calendar for Time and Place.

December 18 - Last day of the After School Program for 2008.

December 21 - Celebration of Barb Nelson's 80th birthday after worship. Light lunch served.

December 24 - Christmas Eve Worship at 4:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 11:00 p.m.

December 28 - Epiphany begins.

January 1 - Happy New Year!

January 4 - All Organizational reports for inclusion in the Annual Report are due.

January 6 - After School Program Resumes.

January 7 - Wednesday Faith Quest Resumes.

January 11 - All Treasurer's reports for inclusion in the Annual Report are due.

January 13 - Church Council Meeting.

January 16 & 17 - Confirmation Classes at Bethel Lutheran.

January 18 - Annual Report is ready for distribution.

January 19 - Martin Luther King Day. National Holiday. Candle light Prayer Service of Meditation.

January 20 - W/ELCA Board and Circle Meeting.

January 23 - Grace Messenger Newsletter Articles are due.

January 25 - Annual Meeting and Church Pot Luck.

Now...What were those lyrics again?

1. Deck the halls with Buddy Holly
2. We three kings of porridge and tar
3. On the first day of Christmas, my tulip gave to me
4. Sleep in heavenly peas
5. In the meadow we can build a snowman; then pretend that he is sparse and brown
6. He's making a list, chicken and rice
7. Noel, Noel, Barney's the King of Israel
8. Olive, the other reindeer...
9. Frosty the Snowman is a ferret elf, I say
10. You'll go down in Listerine
11. Oh, what fun it is to ride with one horse, soap and hay
12. Come, froggy faithful



"A friend knows the song in my heart and sings it to me when my memory fails.

~Donna Roberts



Jokes to Tell at the Christmas Table to Annoy the Relatives

Source: <http://www.ahajokes.com>

Q: If athletes get athletes foot, what do astronauts get?
A: Missletoe!

Q: What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?
A: Frostbite.

Q: Why was Santa's little helper depressed?
A: Because he had low elf esteem.

Q: Why does Santa have 3 gardens?
A: So he can ho-ho-ho.

Q: Where do polar bears vote?
A: The North Poll.

Q: What do you get when you cross an archer with a gift-wraper?
A: Ribbon hood.

Q: Why do birds fly south for the winter ?
A: Because it's to far to walk.

Q: What kind of bird can write?
A: A PENguin.

Q: What do you call a cat on the beach at Christmas time?
A: Sandy Claus!

Q: How do sheep in Mexico say Merry Christmas?
A: Fleece Navidad!

Q: What nationality is Santa Claus?
A: North Polish.

Q: Why does Santa's sled get such good mileage?
A: Because it has long-distance runners on each side.

Q: What do you call a bunch of grandmasters of chess bragging about their games in a hotel lobby?
A: Chess nuts boasting in an open foyer!

Q: What did the ghosts say to Santa Claus?
A: We'll have a boo Christmas without you.

Q: What do snowmen eat for breakfast?
A: Snowflakes.

Q: If Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus had a child, what would he be called?
A: A subordinate claus.

Q: Why does Santa Claus go down the chimney on Christmas Eve?
A: Because it " soots " him!

Q: What do you do if Santa gets stuck in your chimney?
A: Pour Santa flush on him.

Q: Did you hear that one of Santa's reindeer now works for Proctor and Gambel?
A: Its true . . . Comet cleans sinks!



"You'll know it's almost over when they sing 'Hal and Lulu, Hal and Lulu' real loud."



"Your father is 'Christian Lite.' He only goes to church on holidays."