

church in the glorious unknown tomorrow. Thank you for your partnership in the glorious Gospel of Christmas.

Thank you to all who worked so hard in making this season so enjoyable and rewarding: including our Youth class, our Sunday School, our Altar Guild and decorators, our music people from the children's bells to the Cantata, our extra office workers, our Social Concerns Christmas Baskets, our worship volunteers – a sincere thank you to all and those I've missed.

OFFICAL NOTICE----ANNUAL MEETING ON SUNDAY JANUARY 25TH IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SECOND SERVICE.

CRISIS OR OPPORTUNITY: You are sharing your financial gifts from God back to God in truly amazing ways. Your church leadership, I and yes, even God, I dare say so, thank you for your great generosity. I apologize to those of you who have been looking for your 2009 envelopes. We ordered them on Dec. 4th and as of last Sunday, Dec. 28th they had as yet not arrived. Until they do arrive and are set out for you, we will give proper credit to your number. Thank you for your understanding. Please make every effort to attend the annual meeting as our crisis or opportunity situations will be discussed in detail. A personal thank you to all for your gifts and cards given to Lynn and me during this holy season. These heartwarming greetings are very much appreciated.

May our great God bless you this New Year as we continue to behold our salvation in the year ahead.

Pastor Doug

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Rose Poidevin, Liaison

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YOUTH/ORGANIZATIONS

Mike Schmidt, Melinda Pensinger, Sherri Schmidt, Liaison

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Rev. Dr. Douglas Wahlberg, Pastor
Rev. Clifford & Mitesaida Lewis,
Missionaries—Egypt

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

J. L. Kreger

OFFICE STAFF

J. L. Kreger, Office Administrator
Jo Anne Borkert, Financial Secretary

Volunteers for Filing and Reception

Dorothy Nelson, Marguerite Kull, Lynn Wahlberg,
Doris Brown, Mary Jane McArthur, Lois Duff,
Nancy Eng, Frances Vandivier & Audrey Downey

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

Patricia McIntyre, President
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**HAVE A
BLESSED
NEW YEAR!**

TREASURER'S REPORT

December 2008

	Month to Date	Year to Date
Revenue	\$26,206.98	\$376,939.36
Expense	(\$25,366.46)	(\$409,321.26)
Net	\$840.52	(\$ 32,381.90)

WITHIN THE FOLD

BAPTISM

Patrick Donovan Reiter 12/14/2008

NEW MEMBERS

Jim & Shirley Kirkham, 202 South Lake Drive, 33936, 369-2892, email: jrirkham@embarqmail.com. Both Jim and Shirley were born in Minnesota and lived in the Minneapolis area. Both are interested in being Greeters for Faith.

Mona Courtade, 1404 Irondale Street, 33936, 303-7385 is originally from Michigan. She is also interested in being a Greeter at Faith and will work with others at Funeral Luncheons, etc.

Kevin & Elizabeth Reiter live at 920 Oxford Avenue South, 33974 with their baby son, Patrick Donovan Reiter.

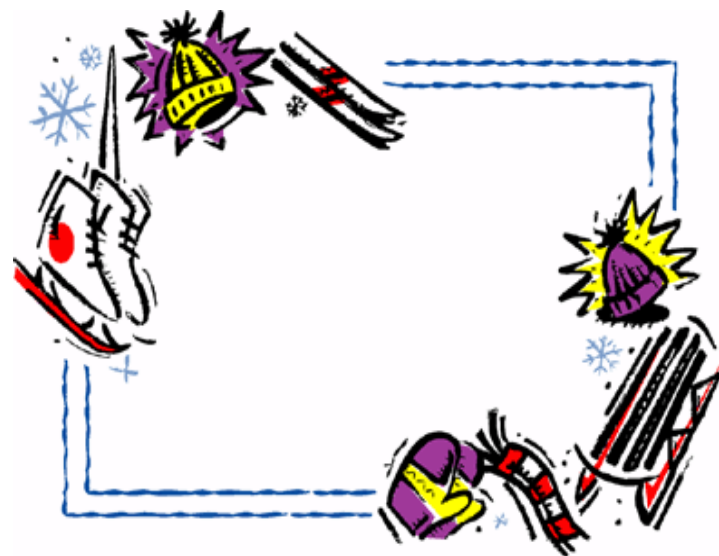
DEATH

Lucille Hesselgrave 12/19/2008
(Mother of Carol Frantz)

ALTAR GUILD

Annual reports will be available in your church box by January 11th.

AREN'T YOU GLAD YOU LIVE IN PARADISE



aging

One metal nail file or nail clippers with file attached, remove packaging (do not substitute cardboard emery boards for the file)

Six Band-Aids (or similar brand), preferable 1/2" to 3/4"; secure together with a rubber band

YOUTH EVENTS

Remember Teen Youth Meetings are Sundays from 9:30am-10:25am in Schmidt Chapel. Check us out!

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?" "I do know, Daddy." "Okay" said his father. "What does it mean?" "That's easy," the young boy replied excitedly. "It stands for "Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth!"

ANNUAL REPORTS

GREETERS

10:30 am 1/04 Gloria Heidelmark & Mary Jane McArthur
1/11 Larry & Brenda Scheneman
1/18 Richard & Rosemary Hensley
1/25 Dick & Edie Lapish

USHERS

8:30am 01/04 Larry & Frances Vandivier
01/11 Becky Olney & Betty Kelley
01/18 Melba Brewer & Melinda Pensinger
01/25 Richard & Rosemary Hensley

10:30am (All Month) Jim Wollerman, Betty Richards, Edythe Hewitt, Nancy Eng

ACOLYTES

8:30am 01/04 R. J. Iglesias
01/11 Natalie Peters & Jeremy Smith
01/18 J. J. Iglesias
01/25 R. J. & J. J. Iglesias

10:30am 01/04`Adrianna & Josie Fjelsted
01/11 Janell Harvey
01/18 Tiffany Brimlow & Lea Harvey
01/25 Thoran Fjelsted

READERS

8:30am Toria Via (All Month)

10:30am 01/04 LaVon Koenig
01/11 LaVon Koenig
01/18 Mark Brown
01/25 Mark Brown

DRIVERS SCHEDULE

01/04 Wil Rogers
01/11 John Kintz
01/18 Ed McIntyre
01/25 Damon Shelor

Happy Birthday and God's Blessing to:

Stacey Nyberg	01/01
Norma Lovejoy	01/01
Pat Markert	01/01
Clyde Snider	01/04
Trey Krutky	01/04
Walter Dierks	01/09
J. J. Iglesias	01/11
Gay Thomas	01/14
Richard Peters	01/16
Alice Dorsett	01/17
Edythe Hewitt	01/17
David Kantenwein	01/17
Geralyn Quinnell	01/18
DeAnn Krauss	01/18
Edith Boyd	01/19
Brianna Nelson	01/22
Michael west	01/28
Diane Bernatz	01/30
Luke Fjelsted	01/30
Savanah Rhodes	01/31

Happy Anniversary and God's Blessing to:

Don & Joanne Stein	01/10
Doug & Toni Conwell	01/14
Alan & Geri Blum	01/17

items during the month of January and the first week of February. Thank you.

School Kit

Padded or spiral notebooks of wide—or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10 1/2" totaling 150-200 sheets (if 70-sheet notebooks, please include three) do not include loose-leaf paper

One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)

One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other

One pencil sharpener

Six new, unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band

One eraser approximately 2 1/2" long

12 sheets of construction paper in assorted colors (if necessary, fold in half to fit into the school kit bag)

One box of 16 or 24 crayons

One sturdy cloth bag approximately 12" X 14" with cloth handles or drawstring closure

Health Kit

One hand towel, dark color recommended

One washcloth, dark color recommended

One bath-size bar of soap, any brand, in its original wrapping

One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging

One comb, wide tooth preferred, remove pack-

FAITH FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY

Airman Jennifer Iglesias, US Air Force, Lackland Air Force Base

Lance Corporal Tyler Blum, US Marine Corp, Cherry Point

Airman 1st Class Kenny Brooks, US Air Force, Kuwait

Petty Officer Tim Fjelsted, US Navy Reserves

Private 1st Class Nick Schmidt, US Army, Afghanistan

Sergeant Robert Waigand, US Army

WOMEN OF FAITH

Attention, women of Faith Lutheran. A woman's Bible study meets every Sunday at 9:30am in the Teen Room. Call Rose Poidevin, our Christian Education liaison at 368-5882 for all the information.

WELCA

We are preparing Health and School Kits for Lutheran World Relief. We thank you for your past participation and look forward to your help again this year. The following items are needed for the kits. You may put your donations in the box in the Narthex. We will be collecting the

John & Lois Duff	01/18
Clyde & Miriam Snider	01/22
Norm & April Erickson	01/25

The Lord bless you and keep you.....Num. 6:24

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Greetings!

At Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, there is an intentional emphasis on a Christian perspective of financial transactions. The congregation engages in conversation about these issues at a time when there are no efforts to receive funds for the congregation. The focus is to have Christian stewardship values be reflected in all financial choices.

Grace & Peace, Jerry Hoffman, Director of the Center for Stewardship Leaders, Luther Seminary

Stewardship Of Money Without An Ask

Many of us believe there is a financial crisis at hand, and that we as a community of faith should have something to say about it. If the life and teaching of Jesus is something that we take seriously, then shouldn't we have a faithful financial response to Jesus' message of hope,

love, generosity and compassion? Shouldn't we live lives that demonstrate these values, even with our financial choices?

One potential response is to learn to share first, save second and spend last. It is an approach that feels like an honest response to the stories of Jesus who poured out healing, life-giving, and life-sharing hope to all. Maybe you agree, maybe you disagree. Together through sermons and discussions during the month of January we will explore the question of living a faithful financial life.

Each January brings the opportunity for reflection, for resolutions, for thoughts of what could be new this year. Who might you meet? What can you predict, and what may surprise? How might you grow? Hearing the story of the Baptism of Jesus, we are reminded first that we are beloved, chosen by God.

Here is an example of sermon series from 2007:

1st Sunday - "Share, Save, Spend"

A guest preacher, Dr. Kathryn D. Blanchard introduces the series on Share, Save, Spend. Dr. Blanchard preached on [Martin Luther's Pastoral Teachings on Money](#). Always one to speak boldly, Martin Luther is sure to engage us in very lively thought!

2nd Sunday - "Share"

Jesus blesses us and says when we gave to the least of these who are members of his family, we gave to him. He even takes it further and judges those who did not give food, drink, a welcome, or a visit during sickness or prison. The invitation is to live with open hands.

3rd Sunday - "Save"

Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, "God has revealed to Pharaoh what he is about to do. The seven good cows are seven years ... the seven lean and ugly cows are seven years." Financial wisdom includes planning ahead for those lean times.

4th Sunday - "Share"

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Scott Searl

This series is heavily influenced by the work of Nathan Dungan at www.sharesavespend.com.