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## *GREETINGS*

How much is he/she worth?" is a common question we might hear these days. Of course we expect the answer to be in dollars and cents. We are impressed by people's power and "worth". We are dazzled by the holdings of movie stars or sports greats. We tend to be impressed by their assets and their holdings.

Don't get me wrong, money had much to say for it. We speak of our assets over liabilities, and so it is important that our books balance. My father used to say, "If your outgo exceeds your income, your upkeep will be your downfall!" Book keeping is still essential.

At the same time in these difficult days when money seems to be in short supply, we are reminded that there are other forms of power and worth. Ever since our parents taught us to say "Please" and "Thank you" we have been learning the power of words. Ever since Jesus called Matthew away from the tax table and promised to speak to him of the worth of the Kingdom of God we have discussed the significance of things we cannot count. When we pray "For Thine is the Kingdom and the **power** and the glory forever and ever", we witness to those things that are of eternal value.

We have been schooled in the power and worth of discretion, good judgment, education, character formation, integrity and persistence as all having true worth in our relationships with one another and with God. These are the true assets that we claim in our relationships with one another.

The news is filled with movie stars and entertainers who have taken short cuts with the values that demonstrate true worth. Their fame is short lived. Some sports figures have cut corners in pursuit of money and fame and fail as the examples of sportsmanship they wish to be. Occasionally banks and investors have played loose with the public trust and have faced accusations of malfeasance at the altars of the almighty dollar.

Our message is that of a new world of power and worth that is offered to us in the Kingdom of God. It is a new "economy" (from oikos, G. "household") of faith that we proclaim. It is claimed by many but upheld unfortunately by too few. It transcends this world's calculations of worth in dollars and cents.

When we focus exclusively on finances we do so at our peril. Yes, they are important. But more important still is our message of faith in God, the true Source of Power and Worth that we claim as our true allegiance, our true hope our true faith. May this focus guide us in the year to come.

Sincerely,

*Pr. Stacy*

## ***MESSAGE FROM OUR "E" COACH***

### **Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and a Blessed Epiphany!**

Wrapping paper and ribbons are all over the floor and yet the season of Christmas is just beginning. Christmas actually begins December 25 . . . yes, BEGINS December 25! All this time leading up to Christmas has been the season of Advent, a time of preparing for the coming of the Christ child.

The Season of Christmas lasts until Epiphany, January 6. If you didn't get those Christmas cards in the mail you still have time! In addition, New Year's Day lands right in the midst of the Christmas season, so you can also include your New Year's wishes!

Epiphany is Greek for "manifestation" or "to make known." This is when we remember the wise men from the East (not Jews) who learned of Jesus' birth and followed the stars until they found him. They acknowledged the baby in Mary's arms as their king and Lord by worshipping him. We are reminded that from the very beginning this baby was born for all people. This baby was born, lived, died and raised for the salvation of all.

The season of Epiphany, January 6 to the beginning of Lent, is an ideal time for evangelism! As one pastor pointed out, "The people that come to church after New Year's are different than the Easter or Christmas crowd. New Year's visitors are usually more serious about making life changes, and they are likely to come back in the following weeks." New Year's resolutions abound . . . to lose weight, read more, quit smoking, spend more time with the kids and to go to church.

This is an opportunity for us to meet people at their point of need. I am not talking about capitalizing on their vulnerability; I am talking about helping people do more than improve their lifestyles. The church, you and I, can actually help some really change their lives. We can bring them hope, joy, and all that comes with a closer walk with Christ.

When we put Christ first in our lives, everything else will naturally fall into place! Can you think of a better way to start the new year? I can't!

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Blessed Epiphany!

Sincerely,  
*Connie Schmucker*

# **WELCA HAPPENINGS**

## **HAPPENINGS AT FAITH**

### **YARD SALE**

Set aside those items you would like to donate for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Yard Sale. It will take place on January 21<sup>st</sup> from 7:30am until 12Noon. We will be accepting items beginning December 26<sup>th</sup> in SFH at the South door. Call to let us know you are coming with items. A committee is being formed to organize the sale. Many volunteers will be needed on the Sale Day. Plan for it.

### **THRIVENT ASSISTANCE**

Thrivent Dollars: Our Church Council encourages our members and regular visitors to prayerfully consider apportioning your "Thrivent dollars" to Faith or the Learning Village Preschool. If you have an insurance product with Thrivent, and have not received a letter about your "thrivent dollars," you can call 1-800-847-4836 to check on your distribution. You can now direct your Thrivent Choice money directly to Faith Lutheran. Just call and say "Thrivent Choice." Someone will help you get your fund request to Faith. We have already received some money from this particular fund by members.

## **WITHIN THE FOLD**

**COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE BACK TO THE SECOND  
TUESDAY EVENING OF EACH MONTH  
MARK YOUR CALENDARS-  
MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF  
CONGREGATION**

### **TENTATIVE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

#### **JANUARY 2012**

January 21 <sup>st</sup>	7:30am-12N
50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Yard Sale and/or Auction	(Tentative)

#### **FEBRUARY**

(Prior to Lent)

February 11<sup>th</sup> 50's Concert in SFH with Musicians from Edison State College

February 18<sup>th</sup> All Day  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fun Day at the Beach  
(Tentative)

### **MARCH**

March 24<sup>th</sup> 10am Parade  
Annual Spring Festival Parade  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Float  
Scout Troops, The Learning Village, WELCA, Bread Ministry,  
Church of God of Prophecy, Christ's Redemption Ministries, etc.

### **APRIL**

April 1<sup>st</sup> 10am/4pm  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lent/Easter Choir Extravaganza 10am Worship (Faith)  
and 4pm (St. Anselm)

April (April 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>) 4pm – 7pm  
Final 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event  
Everyone who has ever been a member will be invited  
All former pastors and interns will be invited  
Dinner in Sweatlock Fellowship Hall

### **NEW MEMBERS**

Bruce and Annette Heidelmark Dec 18, 2011

### **ALTAR GUILD FOR JANUARY**

Jeanette Vesper

### **GREETERS FOR JANUARY**

1/1 – Rosemary Hensley & Gloria Heidelmark  
1/8 – Hallie Jerome & Joan Schultz  
1/15 – Bob & Doris Bollenbach  
1/22 – Dottie Nelson & Marguerite Kull  
1/29 – Len & Laura Barney

### **ACOLYTES FOR JANUARY**

1/1 – Nolan Jerriey & Katie Harvey  
1/8 – Emma & Abby Sokhanvari  
1/15 – Austin & Abigail Brock  
1/22 – Samuel & Grace Ballinger

1/29 – Bryan & Toby Natoli

### **READERS FOR JANUARY**

1/1 – Joan Schultz  
1/8 – Joan Schultz  
1/15 – Joan Schultz  
1/22 – Joan Schultz  
1/29 – Joan Schultz

### **USHERS FOR JANUARY**

Betty Richards, Edythe Hewitt, Nancy Eng

### **DRIVERS FOR JANUARY**

1/1 – Richard Peters  
1/8 – Quinn Jerriey  
1/15 – Damon Shelor  
1/22 – Jack Olson  
1/29 – Richard Peters

## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

*Happy Birthday and God's Blessings to:*

Norma Jean Lovejoy	01/01
Albert Hoover	01/01
Clyde Snider	01/04
William Krutky III	01/04
Elliot Corkhill	01/05
John Lorenz	01/09
Emmalee Brazzel	01/14
Edythe Hewitt	01/17
Richard Peters	01/18
Edith Boyd	01/19
Sandra Brandt	01/22
Michael West	01/28
Diane Bernatz	01/30

*Happy Anniversary and God's Blessings to:*

Julian & Rebecca Silva	01/15
Alan & Geri Blum	01/17
John & Lois Duff	01/18
Clyde & Mariam Sinder	01/22
Norm & April Erickson	01/25

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

**MILITARY PERSONNEL NEEDING YOUR PRAYERS**

CPL **Logan Raymond** USMC Reserves  
CPL **Hanna Frank** USMC, Mira Mar, California  
CPL **Trevor Frank** USMC, Mira Mar, California  
Senior Airman **Kenny Brooks**, Mothan Air Force Base, AZ  
Senior Airman **Matt Hanning**, Homestead AFB, FL  
Sergeant **Nick Schmidt**, Denver, CO  
SN **David Pykal**, Naval Base San Diego, CA  
Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class **Anna Sozzi**, Charleston, SC

**MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

Rev. David Stacy, Interim Pastor  
Connie Schmucker, Associate in Ministry

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC**

J. L. Kreger

**OFFICE STAFF**

J. L. Kreger, *Administrative Assistant*  
New employee, *Financial Secretary*  
Linda Carter, *Webmaster*

***Volunteers for Filing and Reception  
In our office***

Dorothy Nelson, Marguerite Kull, Mariam Snider,  
Mary Jane McArthur, Sandra Brandt. Nancy Eng,  
Frances Vandivier, Laura Barney (sub.), Diane Bernatz-Memorials

**CONGREGATION COUNCIL**

President, Donald Poidevin  
Vice President, Richard Naus  
Secretary, Laurie Jerriey  
Treasurer,  
Jerry Emmel, Phil Koenig,  
Tom Nelson, Douglas Patterson,  
Merrilyn Penegor, Richard Peters,  
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## **CHURCH COMMITTEES**

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Lisa Peters, Dee Waigand, Suzanne Mojta, Melissa Welsh, *Liaison—Council at large*

### **EVANGELISM**

Bob Wolfe. Connie Schmucker-AiM, Barb Lindroth, *Liaison—Richard Naus*

### **FINANCE**

Betty Richards, Jo Anne Borkert, Barbara Snyder, Jerry Emmel, Pr. Stacy, *Liaison—*

### **LEARNING VILLAGE**

Lisa Peters-Director, Barbara Emery-President, Jennifer Glassser-Secretary, Dee Waigand, Barry Moll, Mary Jo Howard, Bonnie Kintz, Donald Poidevin Pr. David Stacy, *Liaison—Richard Peters*

### **PROPERTY**

Larry Vandivier, John Kintz, Damon Shelor, Len Barney, Laura Barney, *Liaison—Doug Patterson*

### **SOCIAL MINISTRY**

Barbara Emery, Sheila Rogers, Jim Kreger, LaVon Koenig, *Liaison—Jerry Emmel*

### **STEWARDSHIP**

Lorraine Schultz, Charles Emery, Barry Moll, *Liaison—Tom Nelson*

### **WORSHIP & MUSIC**

Jeanette Vesper (Altar Guild), Dee Waigand (Sunday School), Marguerite Kull (Greeters), Lynn Beck (Readers), Jim Kreger (Music Director), Bob Wolfe (Communion Assistants), Jerry Emmel (Music), Damon Shelor (Drivers), Melissa Welsh (Acolytes), Ruth Richardson (Ushers), Pr. Stacy, Connie Schmucker, AiM, *Liaison—Merrilyn Penegor*

### **YOUTH/ORGANIZATIONS**

Barbara Emery, Pr. Leon Dale (Christ's Redemption Ministries), Charles Emery, *Liaison—Don Poidevin*

### **50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE**

Hallie Jerome, Tom Nelson, Sheila Rogers, Barbara Emery, Jim Kreger, Lisa Peters, Chairperson, *Liaison – Don Poidevin*

**WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO BE A PART OF ANY OF THESE COMMITTEES. CALL Don Poidevin @ 239-281-7133!**

<p><b>1</b> 9:00a-Adult Bible Class 10:00a-Worship/ Sunday School 11a-Worship in Schmidt <b>3p-Banquet Rental SFH</b> 7:30p-Church of God/AA</p>	<p><b>Mon 2</b> 6p-CATECHISM 6:30p-AA Big Book 7p-Mary/Martha Circle/Scouts 8p-AA Big Book</p>	<p><b>Tue 3</b> 7p- /Boy Scouts/ Community Band 7:30 Church of God Hispanic 8p-AA</p>	<p><b>Wed 4</b> 10a-TLV Chapel 6p-Prayer group 7p-Sanctuary Choir 8p-AA</p>	<p><b>Thu 5</b> 6:30p-Handbell rehearsal 7:30p-Church of God/AA/STEPS</p>	<p><b>Fri 6 Epiphany</b> 8a-Bread Day 7p-Church of God 8p-AA/Women Helping Women</p>	<p><b>Sat 7</b> 9a-Altar Guild/ Kid's Advent Workshop 9a-Widowed Persons Breakfast 10a-WELCA Board Mtg. 7:30p-Spanish Ministry 8p-AA/Beginners</p>
<p><b>8 ANNUAL REPORT AVAIL.</b> 9:00a-Adult Bible Class 10:00a-Worship/ Sunday School 11a-Worship in Schmidt 4p-Canada Club-WH 7:30p-Church of God/AA</p>	<p><b>9</b> 6p-CATECHISM 6:30p-AA Big Book 7p-Mary/Martha Circle/Scouts 8p-AA Big Book</p>	<p><b>10</b> <b>6p-Exec Committee</b> <b>7p-COUNCIL/</b>Boy Scouts/ Community Band 7:30 Church of God Hispanic 8p-AA</p>	<p><b>11</b> 10a-TLV Chapel 6p-Prayer group 7p-Sanctuary Choir 8p-AA.</p>	<p><b>12</b> 12n-Potluck-Ruth/Eve Circle 6:30p-Handbell rehearsal 7:30p-<b>Music &amp; Worship Committee/</b>Church of God/AA/STEPS</p>	<p><b>13</b> 8a-Bread Day 7p-Church of God 8p-AA/Women Helping Women</p>	<p><b>14</b> 7:30p-Spanish Ministry 8p-AA/Beginners</p>
<p><b>15</b> 9:00a-Adult Bible Class 10:00a-Worship HC/Sunday School 11a- Worship in Schmidt <b>3p-Band Concert</b> 2p-6p-Canada Club-WH 7:30p-Church of God/AA</p>	<p><b>16 ECHO Reports due</b> 6p-Catechism 6:30p-AA Big Book/TLV Board Mtg 7p-Scouts 8p-AA Big Book</p>	<p><b>17</b> 7p-Boy Scouts /Comm. Band 7:30-Church of God Hispanic 8a-AA</p>	<p><b>18</b> 10a-TLV Chapel 5:30p-10p-TLV Teacher training 6p-Prayer group 7p-S Choir 8p-AA</p>	<p><b>19</b> 6:30p-Handbell rehearsal 7:30p-Church of God/AA/STEPS</p>	<p><b>20</b> 8a-Bread Day 12N-GWC 7p-Church of God 8p-AA/Women Helping Women</p>	<p><b>21 YARD SALE</b> 8a-12N 6p- Rental for dinner in SFH 7:30p-Spanish Ministry 8p-AA/Beginners</p>
<p><b>22 ANNUAL MEETING</b> 10:00a-Worship/ Sunday School 11a-Worship in Schmidt 7:30p-Church of God/AA</p>	<p><b>23</b> 6p-Catechism 6:30p-AA Big Book 7p-Scouts 8p-AA Big Book</p>	<p><b>24</b> 7p-Boy Scouts/ Comm. Band 7:30p-Church of God Hispanic 8p-AA</p>	<p><b>25</b> 10a-TLV Chapel 5p-10p-TLV Teacher training 6p-Prayer group/SC 8p-AA</p>	<p><b>26</b> 1p-Ruth/Eve Circle WH 6:30p-Handbell Rehearsal 7:30p-Church of God/AA/STEPS</p>	<p><b>27</b> 8a-Bread Day 7p-Church of God 8p-AA/Women Helping Women</p>	<p><b>28</b> 12N-9p-C of G Banquet 7:30p-Spanish Ministry 8p-AA/Beginners</p>
<p><b>29</b> 10:00a-Worship HC / Sunday School 11a-Worship in Schmidt 7:30p-Church of God/AA</p>	<p><b>30</b> 6p-Catechism 6:30p-AA Big Book 7p-Scouts 8p-AA Big Book</p>	<p><b>31</b> <b>7a-7p-Elections</b> <b>6:30p-FINANCE</b> 7p-Boy Scouts 7:30p-Church of God Hispanic 8p-AA</p>		<p><b>HC—Holy Communion</b> <b>SFH—Sweatlock Fellowship Hall</b> <b>TLV—The Learning Village</b> <b>AA—Alcoholics Anon.</b> <b>W&amp;M Worship &amp; Music</b> <b>GWC—General Women's Club</b> <b>SC-Schmidt Chapel</b></p>	<p>WH-Whisnant Hall</p>	<p><b>JANUARY</b></p>