

*"And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory,
the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth."*

John 1:14

Grace & Truth

Grace Lutheran Church, Fremont, OH

December, 2009

*You are invited to attend the many worship opportunities
during the upcoming holiday season.*

Community Thanksgiving Service

All are welcome to attend the community Thanksgiving service
on Wednesday, November 25, at 7:00 p.m.
at First United Church of Christ, 1500 Tiffin Road,

Midweek Advent Services

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
December 2, 9, 16

Christmas Eve - Thursday, December 24

(Candlelight at all Christmas Eve services)

5:00 p.m.

*Featuring children's choirs
Pre-service children's recital (approx. 4:30 p.m.)*

7:30 p.m.

Holy Communion

11:00 p.m.

*Features brass, bells, organ, harp, choir
Pre-service Christmas recital begins at 10:15 p.m.*

"Christmas Carol Sing"

December 26 - 27

At all weekend worship services.



Season of Giving Advent 2009

Do you find joy in giving Christmas presents? Many people do. Of course, it's also fun to receive presents, but the Bible says it is more blessed to give than to receive!

During our midweek Advent services at Grace, we're going to focus on giving, with our theme "Season of Giving". And on the final night of this series (December 16) we're going to do some actual giving!

As we think about giving gifts, we will hear several people from our congregation speak about Christian-based ministries that are important to them. We are asking each speaker to describe what this ministry does, and why they believe in its mission. Then on the 16th, we'll line up some baskets in the front of the sanctuary to receive gifts for these ministries. We will allow some time in the service for worshippers to write checks and give gifts.

This is not meant to be any sort of high-pressure sales pitch. In fact, we hope that worshippers will find it to be a joyful and blessed experience. (You will hopefully find this to be less obligatory than that gift you're required to buy for Aunt Sally at the family gift exchange!) If you are a person who typically gives to charities at the end of the year, this will fit right in for you.

If you support a Christian-based ministry outside our congregation, you can get involved as one of the speakers, and then your favorite ministry will be in line to receive gifts. If you're interested, speak to Pastor Paul.

Join together to worship God this Advent, as we celebrate a "Season of Giving".

Wednesday Advent services are held at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Pastor Paul



DISCOVER GRACE

Our next session of "Discover Grace" is set for Monday, November 30. "Discover Grace" is an evening for people who are new to Grace Church. We'll

begin with dinner at 6:00 p.m., and be on our way by 8:30 p.m. We'll spend some time learning about the ministries of Grace and about what Grace Lutheran Church believes. There will be plenty of time to ask questions. We'll even take a tour of the building. "Discover Grace" is designed for people who would like to become members of Grace Lutheran Church as well as for people who just want to learn more. To reserve your place, please call the church office at 419-332-1558 (If you need childcare during this event, let the office staff know, and we'll make arrangements.)



THE TOLEDO SYMPHONY
*will perform at Grace
Lutheran Church on Thursday,
December 3, at 7:30 p.m.
Tickets can be purchased in the
church office during business hours, Monday - Friday,
8:30am - 4:30pm. Ticket prices are - Adults \$10;
Seniors (65 & over) \$8; and Students \$5.*

All women are invited to attend the annual Advent Brunch on Saturday, December 5, from 10am - 12 noon, in the church Dining Room. If you would like to be a guest or host a table, please call Mary Nossaman, 419-332-4595, or Judy Overmyer, 419-332-9717.

This year we will be collecting hats, gloves, and scarves. Please join us for a morning of great fun and fellowship!



Advent Brunch

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund

As of October 31, 2009:

Year to date expense budget:	\$ 380,612.81
Year to date actual expenses:	<u>\$ 368,413.26</u>
	\$ (12,199.55) (Underbudget)

The above numbers show that we are making every effort to be financially responsible in our decision making to stay within our budget. Spending is 3% below what we expected our expenses would be year-to-date. As shown below, giving is down 4.5% compared to last year. Going forward, we ask for your continued support as we do God's work.

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Year to date receipts:	\$ 319,036.68	\$ 333,830.08
Budgeted Transfer from Contingency Reserve	\$ 19,830.50	\$ 10,000.00
Year to date actual expenses:	<u>\$ 368,413.26</u>	<u>\$ 353,811.53</u>
Receipts less expenses:	\$ (29,546.08) Shortfall	\$ (9,981.45) Shortfall

As the Boiler Project is wrapping up, the report format has changed to show project status.

Boiler Fund Project Update

Beginning Balance 1/1/08	\$ 172,279.52
Receipts 2008	\$ 139,494.90
Receipts YTD 2009	<u>\$ 240,957.61</u>
Total Receipts to Boiler Fund	\$ 552,732.03
Expenditures To Date	<u>\$ 545,765.55</u>
Balance in Boiler Account	\$ 6,966.48
Balance in Endowment Capital Campaign Account	<u>50,892.94</u>
Total Boiler/Capital Campaign Funds Available	\$ 57,859.42
Estimated Remaining Boiler Project Expenses	<u>27,150.00</u>
Projected Balance Remaining	\$ 30,709.42
Capital Campaign Pledges Outstanding	<u>\$ 124,326.00</u>
Funding available for Future Capital Projects	<u>\$ 155,035.42</u>

Respectfully submitted,
 Susan Laeng
 Financial Administrator



CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS NOVEMBER 9, 2009

- The Executive Committee continues to work on the 2010 budget.
- A monetary gift has been given to Grace Lutheran from the Christine Habecker family. At the request of the family, these funds will be used to assist the children of Grace with camperships and mission trips.
- **Christian Missions**
 - Mission Fair will be held the first Wednesday of Advent, December 2.
 - Annual Blood Drive is re-scheduled for Saturday, December 19, from 9am-2pm in the church Dining Room. Donations of homemade cookies are needed.
 - The Chili Cook-off was a great success - raising \$1200 for My Brother's Keeper!
- **Christian Property**
 - Plans are underway for a Boiler Room Open House to take place sometime in January.

E-mail Inspiration: Have you given it some thought? Have you prayed about it? We are still hoping that you would like to receive these encouraging messages. These messages will be the only e-mails that you will receive from our committee. It could be the one thought that would make your day a better one. And remember, you could pass that special thought on to others. You may e-mail me at tok@glis.cc or telephone me at 419-334-3259 to give me either address (e-mail or home address). Also, you may pick them up when you attend church. Hope to hear from you...God bless you all!

Val Ross, Outreach Committee



God works all things for the good of those who love him and are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28. This has always been one of my favorite passages of scripture, but recently I have had the opportunity to experience the true meaning.

I had no idea why God allowed my son, Charlie to lose his job at the Sheriff's Dept right before their baby was born. I struggled to see what good God was doing, or would do. My son and his wife had done everything the "right way". They got their educations, got married, and then started a family. If God is a God of justice why did He allow this to happen to them? It was a difficult time for my family and I wrestled with God, more than one night, as I tried to make sense out of this seeming injustice.

Through it all, many of you reached out to help my son and his wife in a multitude of ways. Emmersyn was born three weeks early and after a rough start she is a beautiful and healthy baby. Charlie is back to work, and though not in law enforcement, it is a well paying job.

Things got back to normal but I still questioned God as to why He allowed this to happen. One thing I did know. The generosity my Charlie and Amber experienced from this congregation should be available to every member.

I knew I wanted to start a ministry for our members who are in need of help. One thing led to another and My Brother's Keeper took shape. As our first annual fund raiser we held a Chili Cook Off and Family Harvest Festival on October. It was a huge success. If you missed it, please make sure you attend next year. It was a night of family fun and fellowship.

We made \$1,200.00 that will be matched by Thrivent Financial. All in all, we have been able to build the seed money we wanted to get the ministry off the ground.

God has opened my eyes to the possibility that what happened to Charlie and Amber had nothing to do with them. Maybe it happened in order to get a ministry like My Brother's Keeper in place at Grace.

(Focus on Ministry continued.)

Maybe it happened so my family would experience the love of Christ as He worked through His people. I don't know if God made it happen or allowed it and at this point it isn't important to me.

I have had my faith in God's promises strengthened. He took the painful experience and brought good out of it. Maybe that was the purpose all along.

The next time something bad or disappointing happens I'll try not to figure it out. I plan to simply trust God's promise and look for the good that He will bring out of my struggle.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Chili Cook off and Family Harvest Festival.

God's Peace and Power, Maureen



Have you ever wondered why you're here or what your purpose is? There is an opportunity for you to find out and it's called Life Keys. Life Keys is an afternoon of self discovery. You will discover how your talents, passions, personalities and life experiences make you the unique person you are. What's more, God will use you just as you are for important work in His kingdom. So call the church office and sign up for Life Keys on December 13. It starts at 11:30 and ends at 4:30. Lunch is provided, so sign up before December 7 at 419-332-1558. Questions? Contact Maureen at 419-332-1558 or via e-mail at maureenpump@yahoo.com



NEWS from our *Missions Committee*

Thanks to all who participated in the Chili Cook-off and Family Harvest Festival! The event raised \$1200 for My Brother's Keeper. Better yet, everyone had a great time!



The Mission Fair will be held December 2, 5, & 6. We ask for your support in purchasing Fair Trade handicrafts, chocolate, coffee, and tea. In doing this, we demonstrate compassion and justice to economically vulnerable peoples around the world.



Blood Drive

The annual Red Cross Blood Drive, held here in our church, will be Saturday, December 19, from 9am until 2pm in the Dining Room.

We are asked to provide homemade cookies for the canteen. Please have them to the church by December 18.



GRACE FELLOWSHIP

Grace Fellowship to go Christmas Caroling!

All are welcome to join in!

We will meet at the church on Tuesday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m. We will visit Rutherford House and Bethany Place.

Afterwards, we will go to McDonald's for Dutch treat. Come and join the fun!



Christmas Poinsettias can be ordered through the church office.

Plants are \$8.50 each.

Payment and wording for the bulletin must accompany orders. Plants can be picked up after the 11:00 service on Christmas Eve.



It's time to start thinking about your end of year donations. All donations must be turned in to the church office by noon on Tuesday, December 29 to be credited for 2009.

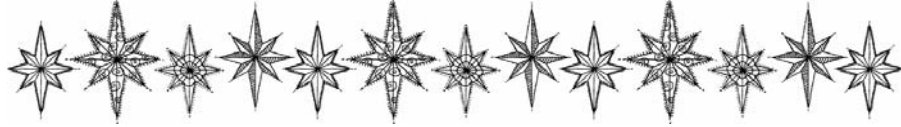
Anyone wishing to run for a two-year term on Endowment Board, can call the church office, 419-332-1558. The term begins March, 2010.



REMINDER: *If you are heading to a warmer climate for the winter months, don't forget to let the church office know your "Winter" address. We want to be able to keep you updated on Grace happenings!*

(The Post Office does not forward the newsletters, so if we do not have your current address, or if you leave an order of "Temporarily Away", we are charged postage when your mail is returned to us. If this happens, it will be necessary to take your name off the mailing list until we are notified of your return, to prevent recurring charges.)

December Birthdays



December 1	Edna Collins	1612 Napoleon St.
December 1	David White	609 Whittlesey St.
December 3	Ralph Kinsey	2019 Elm Drive
December 4	Alben Koebel	1116 Luckey St.
December 9	Richard Burkett	1170 Muskellunge Rd.
December 18	Phyllis Jess	1751 Oak Dr.
December 18	Virgil Pierce	2842 US Rte. 6 Helena, OH 43435
December 20	Lyla Avers	128 S. Granville Blvd.
December 21	Erma Smith	1501 Co. Rd. 181 Green Springs, OH 44836
December 28	Ruth Gerstenberger	147 W. Thomson Dr. Clyde, OH 43410
December 28	Mel Shafer	421 N. Co. Rd. 198
December 29	Myrtle Ackerman	2825 W. State St.
December 29	Nancy Balsizer	2310 Co. Rd. 213 Clyde, OH 43410
December 29	Mary Frey	203 Liberty Avenue Clyde, OH 43410
December 30	Joan Ginnever	2147 Tiffin Rd.



Altar Guild for December:
Ruth Kennedy, Bill & Peggy Smith, Hazel Noftz



LIBRARY NEWS

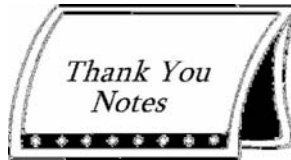
The DVD movie, *The Water Horse, Legend of the Deep* is now in our library.

Simple Prayer, Simple Life a CD by Joyce Meyer, is also available. Discover for yourself the unparalleled power that is released through prayer.

We have many Christmas books and audio visuals to choose from. New this year are two children's DVD's - *The Fourth King* and *The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey*

Also new is the book *The Christmas Letters* by Bret Nicholaus. This is a story for every generation. Every once in a while, a letter changes someone's life forever.

*Enrich your holidays!
Stop in and check out
something from our Library.*

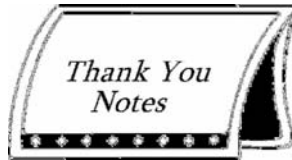


*Dear Grace Lutheran Church,
 Your donation of bottles, bottle brushes, and wipes
 is much appreciated. As you know, these consumable
 products are always being used and always needed.
 Thank you,
 Eve Foreman
 Heartbeat of Fremont*

*Thank you so much for your prayers and the prayer
 shawl.
 The family of Austin Stalnaker,
 Karen and Tim Coots*

*To the Congregation,
 We would like to thank you for the beautiful gold cross
 with the intertwining rings. It made our 50th Anniversary
 more special. We also enjoyed Pastor Gruetter's visit very
 much!! Thank you again.
 Sincerely,
 Kenny & Carolyn Smith*

*My heartfelt thanks to the Prayer Shawl Ministry for the
 lovely prayer shawl. I have used it many times! I truly
 believe God will heal me in all ways!
 God Bless,
 Jeanette Gleba*



*Women and Gents of Grace,
Thank you so much for the homemade soup and
prayer shawl. You are a blessing to us all.
Sincerely,
Linda Merrill*

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*Dear Friends at Grace -
The clients and volunteers at Share and Care would
like to thank you for your kind donation of \$764.16.
Friends like you have enabled us to help many of our
neighbors in need. The generosity that prompted this gift
is known by God and appreciated by us.
Sincerely,
Becky Prasuhn*

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*I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank Pastor Paul
and the members of Grace for remembering me in their
thoughts and prayers during my surgery and recovery.
The soup delivered by Mrs. Candace Wingard was a very
pleasant surprise and much appreciated - chicken soup
always helps you to feel better! Thank you again.
Sincerely,
Wendy McNelly*

We Give Thanks

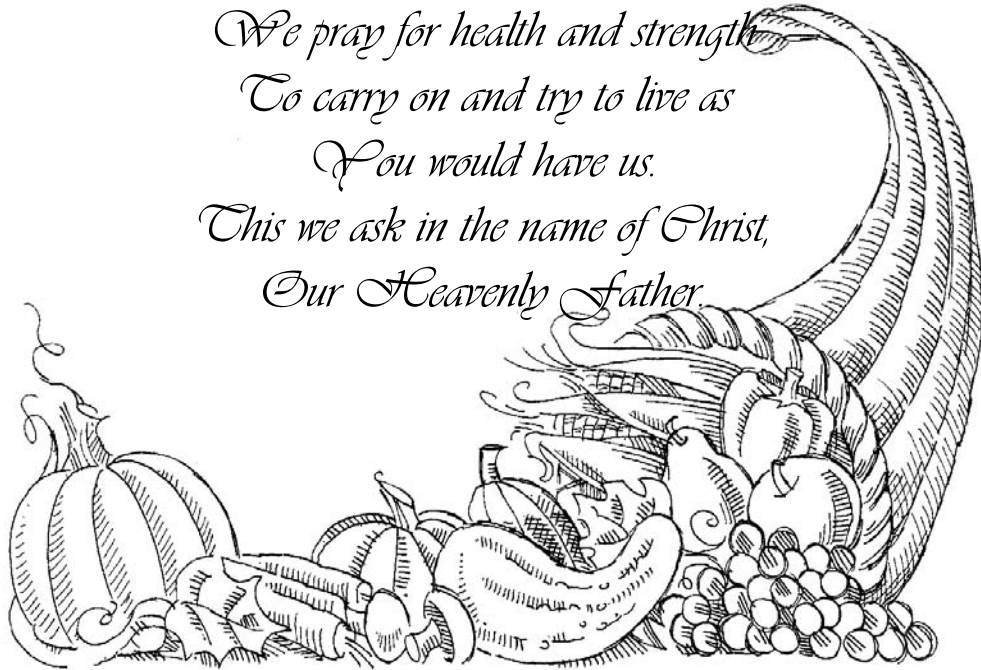
*Our Father in Heaven,
We give thanks for the pleasure
Of gathering together for this occasion.*

*We give thanks for this food
Prepared by loving hands.*

*We give thanks for life,
The freedom to enjoy it all
And all other blessings.*

*As we partake of this good,
We pray for health and strength
To carry on and try to live as
You would have us.*

*This we ask in the name of Christ,
Our Heavenly Father.*





DISCHARGED

Eve McElfresh
Wendy McNelly
Howard Sachs
Darlene Hasselbach
Gavin Iannantuono
Mark Smith
Vince Hetrick
Amaryllis Van Allen
Kayleen Durell
Calvin Gahn

Joyce Alridge and David Alridge, October 24, 2009

Nina Kieffer and Jonathan Dabrunz, November 14, 2009



*Helen Ross
Helen Kerns*



**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES
IS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11.**

**THE NEWSLETTER WILL
BE ASSEMBLED
ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19.**

Grace Lutheran Church
705 West State Street
Fremont, OH 43420

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Fremont, OH
Permit #133

Return Service Requested

Worship Services:

Saturday 5:00pm - Traditional Worship
Sunday 7:45am - Liturgical Worship
9:00am - Christian Education
10:00am - Celebration Worship/Holy Communion

Office Hours – 8:30am-4:30pm, M-F

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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY


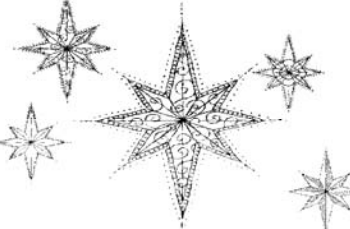
WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



		<p>1 6:30 - Bible in 90 Days Study Group - Lounge</p>	<p>2 5:00 - Spirit Meal 6:15 - Children's Choir 6:30 - Advent Worship 7:15 - Small Groups 7:30 - Confirmation 7:30 - Bells 8:00 - R Life Meeting 8:30 - Praise Team</p>	<p>3 6:00 - Sr. LYO - Concert in Castalia 7:30 - Toledo Symphony Concert</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 10 - 12 - Advent Brunch 5:00 - Worship/Mission Moment</p>
<p>6 Mission Moment at all Services 7:45 - Worship 8:55 - Senior Choir Practice 9:00 - Christian Education 10:00 - Celebration Worship/ Holy Communion 6-8 - The Gathering - Luther Home of Mercy 4:00 - Terra Holiday Concert 8:00 - DAA</p>	<p>7 2:00 - Beth Moore Bible Study 5:30 - Endowment Board Meeting 7:00 - Boy/Cub Scouts 7:30 - Dartball @ Home</p>	<p>8 Charity Circle Luncheon 7:30 - Grace Fellowship</p>	<p>9 5:00 - Spirit Meal 6:15 - Children's Choir 6:30 - Advent Worship 7:15 - Small Groups 7:30 - Confirmation 7:30 - Bells 8:00 - R Life Meeting 8:30 - Praise Team</p>	<p>10 11:00 - Soup Kitchen </p>	<p>11 "G & T" DEADLINE</p>	<p>12 5:00 - Worship/Holy Communion</p>
<p>13 7:45 - Worship/Holy Communion 8:55 - Senior Choir Practice 9:00 - Christian Education 10:00 - Celebration Worship/ Holy Communion/Baptism 11:15 - Crazy Kids-Sr. LYO Christmas Caroling 6-7:30 - Encounter 8:00 - DAA</p>	<p>14 9:00 - Project Day 9:30 - MOPS 2:00 - Beth Moore Bible Study 7:00 - Boy/Cub Scouts 7:00 - Church Council Devotions 7:15 - Standing Committees 7:30 - Dartball @ Home 8:15 - Church Council</p>	<p>15 Joy Circle Christmas Party</p>	<p>16 5:00 - Spirit Meal 6:15 - Children's Choir 6:30 - Advent Worship 7:15 - Small Groups 7:30 - Confirmation 7:30 - Bells 8:00 - R Life Meeting 8:30 - Praise Team</p>	<p>17 "G & T" ASSEMBLED 11:00 - Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 9am-2pm - Blood Drive 10-11 - Birthday Party for Jesus in Auditorium 5:00 - Worship/Baptism</p>
<p>20 7:45 - Worship 8:55 - Senior Choir Practice 9:00 - Christian Education 10:00 - Celebration Worship/ Holy Communion 12:30 - 2 - Brass Choir Practice 8:00 - DAA</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 5:30 - Jr./Sr. LYO Wolf Creek Campground</p>	<p>23 6:00 - Children's Choirs 7:00 - Bells 7:45 - Senior Choir</p>	<p>24 CHRISTMAS EVE 5:00 - Family Worship 7:30 - Worship/Holy Communion 10:15 - Pre-service Recital 11:00 - Worship</p>	<p>25 <i>Merry Christmas</i> OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>26 5:00 - Worship/Holy Communion/ Carol Sing</p>
<p>27 Carol Sing at all Services 7:45 - Worship/Holy Communion 8:55 - Senior Choir Practice 9:00 - Christian Education 10:00 - Celebration Worship/ Holy Communion 8:00 - DAA</p>	<p>28 9:00 - Project Day 7:00 - GLCW Board Meeting</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>31 NEW YEAR'S EVE OFFICE CLOSED 6:30 - Biller/Baumer Wedding</p>		<p>2009</p>

GREETERS

December 6 & 20

7:45 - L. Biller (Front)
M/M M. Damschroder (Baptistry)
M/M W. Druckenmiller (Chapel)

10:00 - M/M D. Cooper (Front)
J. Koebel (Baptistry)
D. Morehart (Chapel)

December 13 & 27

7:45 - M/M D. Zilles (Front)
D. Garner (Baptistry)
M/M D. O'Donnell (Chapel)

10:00 - M/M E. Muffler (Front)
J. Overmyer (Baptistry)
M/M J. Peters (Chapel)

USHERS

December 6, 13, 20, 27

7:45 - C. Cooley
B. Guthrie
R. Haynes
C. Weickert

December 6 & 20

10:00 - J & R Druckenmiller
R. Foreman
G. Nossaman

December 13 & 27

10:00 - D. Rauch
G. Rumball
T. Shanahan
T. Troxel

DECEMBER 27

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Tyler Kinkaid, Alex Swope
10:00 - Kennedi Weltin, Kelsey Rosenberger
DEACONS: 7:45 - J. Kinn, B. Klohn, C. Klohn, C. Miller, J. Connors, R. Damman
10:00 - N. Mayer, F. Lawrence, D. Linder, J. Linder
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - The Gedeon Family
SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer(5:00), L. Garner (7:45), D. Pump(10:00)

JANUARY 3, 2010

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Trenton Laird, Toni Laird
10:00 - Alexa Urban, Rachel Laeng
DEACONS: 7:45 - R. House, B. Seibert, C. Tuckerman, L. Widmer
10:00 - S. Nossaman, L. Rapp, L. Sachs, C. Troxell
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - F. Keller, N. Kreilick, S. Laeng, B. Prasuhn
SOUND SYSTEM: B. Bilger(5:00), M. Hirt (7:45), M. McElfresh(10:00)

DECEMBER 6

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Toni Laird, Trenton Laird
10:00 - Corey Wise, Megan Wise, Whitney Laird
DEACONS: 7:45 - B. Seibert, C. Tuckerman, L. Widmer, S. Farrell
10:00 - S. Nossaman, L. Rapp, L. Sachs, C. Troxel
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - L & J Overmyer, B. Prasuhn, G. Rumball
SOUND SYSTEM: B. Bilger(5:00), M. Hirt (7:45), D. Pump (10:00)

DECEMBER 13

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Meagan Buchele, Allison Schrader
10:00 - TJ Laird, Cody Johnson
DEACONS: 7:45 - J. Connors, R. Damman, B. Klohn, C. Klohn, B. Seibert, C. Tuckerman
10:00 - G. Gray, S. Auen, C. Amor, G. Jess
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - T & C Troxel, T. McElfresh, S. Brickner
SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer(5:00), L. Garner (7:45), M. McElfresh(10:00)

DECEMBER 20

ACOLYTES: 7:45 - Jacob Moses, AJ Mehlow
10:00 - Mike Muffler, Jack Gedeon
DEACONS: 7:45 - L. Widmer, J. Connors, S. Farrell, R. House
10:00 - E. Chambers, W. Lamson, C. Waggoner, T. Joseph
COMMUNION ASSTS.: 10:00 - T,S,& C Wiersma, J. Harris
SOUND SYSTEM: B. Bilger(5:00), M. Hirt (7:45), D. Prasuhn (10:00)

MID-WEEK ADVENT - Wednesday, December 2 - 6:30 p.m.

ACOLYTES: Albert Baumann, Jared Hutton
GREETERS: C. Paeth (F), J. Sachs (B), P & B Smith (CH)
USHERS: C. Cooley, B. Guthrie, R. Haynes, C. Weickert
DEACONS: L. Sachs, C. Troxel, C. Waggoner, D. Willey
SOUND SYSTEM: D. Prasuhn

MID-WEEK ADVENT - Wednesday, December 9 - 6:30 p.m.

ACOLYTES: Marc Bargerstock, Andy Burmeister
GREETERS: S. Clevenger (F), L. Halm (B), S. Laeng (CH)
USHERS: C. Amor, D & S Burmeister, T. Clevenger
DEACONS: G. Gray, S. Auen, C. Amor, M. Bower
SOUND SYSTEM: M. McElfresh

MID-WEEK ADVENT - Wednesday, December 16 - 6:30 p.m.

ACOLYTES: Morgan Mowry, Megan Hawk
GREETERS: M/M W. Lamson (F), T. McElfresh (B), C. Slemmer(CH)
USHERS: C. Amor, D. Cooper, J. Havens, G. Hinsch
DEACONS: E. Chambers, W. Lamson, S. Nossaman, C. Troxel
SOUND SYSTEM: M. McElfresh

CHRISTMAS EVE - Thursday, December 24

5:00 - ACOLYTES: Shelby Connors, Kellie Auen
DEACONS: N. Mayer, T. Joseph, J. Linder, D. Linder
7:30 - ACOLYTES: Alex House, Kyle Damman
DEACONS: C. Miller, J. Kinn, B. Seibert, L. Rapp, F. Lawrence, C. Tuckerman
11:00 - ACOLYTES: Laura Burmeister, Stephanie Billings
DEACONS: G. Jess, D. Willey, M. Bower, R. House
SOUND SYSTEM: N. Mayer (5:00), M. Hirt (7:30), D. Pump (11:00)

Grace & Youth

December 2009



Upcoming Events

December Activities:

Dec. 3rd Sr LYO are going to a Days of Praise Concert featuring 33 Miles and Jonny Diaz. We will meet in the church parking lot at 6:00PM. Tickets are \$8. Money is due by Nov 23rd.

Dec. 6th 6:00-8:00 Jr LYO (The Gathering) will be going to Luther Home of Mercy in Williston for an Outdoor Nativity. Parents are needed to drive and chaperone.

Dec. 13th Crazy Kids, Jr and Sr LYO- Caroling. We will meet in the church parking lot at 11:15Am.

Dec. 13th Sr LYO- Encounter 6:00-7:30PM.

Dec. 19th 10:00-11:00AM Little Lutherans Birthday Party for Jesus (Ages 3 to 3rd grade) in the Auditorium.

Dec. 22nd 5:30-9:30 PM Jr and Sr LYO will meet at Wolf Creek Campground for a campfire and star gazing. RSVP by Dec. 14th.

Youth News



The Candy Cane

Look at the Candy Cane
What do you see?
Stripes that are red
Like the blood shed for me

White is for my Savior
Who's sinless and pure!
"J" is for Jesus My Lord,
That's for sure!

Turn it around
And a staff you will see
Jesus my shepherd
Was born for me!

The Best Homemade Gift From Children

Supplies

Small plain boxes
Glitter
Sequins
Ribbon
Glue
Any other decorating supplies you choose

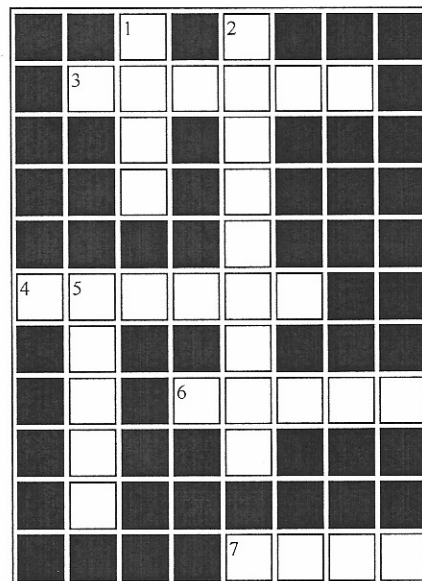
Instructions:

Have your child decorate the boxes in any way he/she chooses. Tie each box with a ribbon and add this poem:

This is a very special gift
That you can never see.
The reason it's so special,
Is it's just for you from me.
Whenever you are happy,
Or even feeling blue.
You only have to hold this gift
And know I think of you.

You never can unwrap it,
Please leave the ribbon tied.
Just hold the box close
To your heart,
It's filled with love inside.

Christmas Crossword



Across

- Who is Jesus' Father
- What Jesus laid in
- Who was born on Christmas
- Who is Jesus' Mother

Down

- A gift brought by a king
- What city was Jesus born in
- Who told Mary she would have a baby