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## Mission Statement of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

We are called by God to follow Christ's example and teachings by worshiping, witnessing, learning, supporting one another, and reaching out to others.

# The Parish Voice

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December 2006

Dec. 1 - Prayer Event



Dec. 8 - Parents Night Out

Dec. 10 - Annual Advent  
Pageant

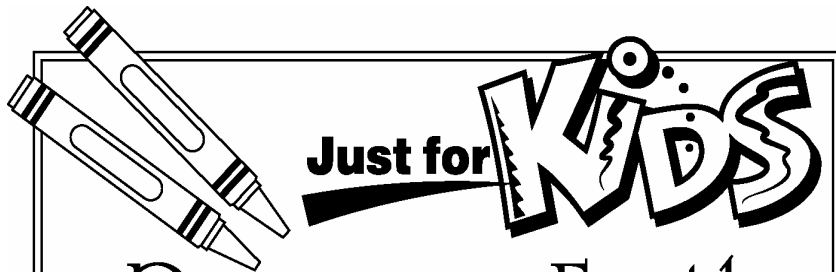


Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist and  
Candlelight Service

Dec. 25 - Christmas Day Service at  
10 am




Dec. 27 - Quiet Communion with  
Celebration of Children



# Peace on Earth

Do you remember what King Herod did when he heard about the birth of Jesus? He was so troubled that he issued a decree ordering the death of all male children younger than 2 years old. Jesus was not born in a time of peace, but we can look forward to His return and believe what the heavenly host proclaimed.

**Follow the maze through the verse.**



START

And suddenly there

was with the angel

a multitude of the

heavenly host praising God,

and saying, "Glory to God

in the highest, and on earth

peace, good will

toward men." Luke 2:13-14, KJV FINISH



**Public Office Hours** are Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 1 pm (*unless previously noted in the weekly bulletin or monthly newsletter*). Please feel free to stop by with bulletin announcements or monthly newsletter articles.

## Deadlines:

**Bulletin announcements** are due in office by Wednesday afternoon at 2 pm.

**Newsletter articles** are due in office by the 15th of each month (unless otherwise noted on newsletter calendar).

This month has a very short fuse due to **Thanksgiving Holiday!!** **Deadline for next newsletter is December 8 with assembly on Thursday, December 14.**

Please feel free to **e-mail** me at [secretary@christlutheranmpa.org](mailto:secretary@christlutheranmpa.org) with any bulletin announcements or newsletter articles.

## ADDRESS CHANGE/ADDITION

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*In the news recently...*

*...Sydney Blosser ready to go Trick or Treating!*

**Thank you...**

...to everyone in the congregation for all the Campbell Food Labels collected. The response has been wonderful! Keep up the great work.

**--Betty Eskildson**

*(Betty trims the labels and then they are forwarded to the Navajo Evan. Lutheran Mission in Arizona.)*

...to everyone in the congregation who contributed to the United Campus Ministry Vietnam Trip my husband and son are taking in December-January. I really appreciate the support you have shown them. They will tell you of their adventures on this mission trip once they return in mid-January. Thank you again.

**--Linda for Steve, and Eric Shipman**

*(Thanks to your generosity, to date the amount needed is under \$10,000.)*

**Welcome...**

...to our newest members: **Robert, Margaret, and Thomas Kline**. They come to us by transfer from St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Harrisburg. Kathleen Burch and Betty Eskildson are serving as sponsors.

***Our sympathy and prayers for God's comfort and peace...***

...are expressed to the family of **Betty Fisher** upon her recent death.

***Blessings to...***

**...Ryan Byers** – our newest growing disciple who began serving as an acolyte!

**Thank you...**

...to **Betty Morgan, Bebe Bolich and Isobel Feehrer** for cleaning tidying up the kitchen. It looks great!

## ***Take T. I. M. E. for Prayer....***

My dear Friends in Christ,

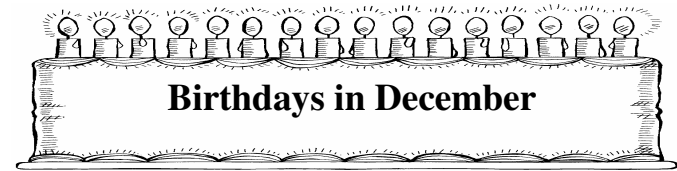
In this thankful and celebrative time of year, the Church quietly enters the season of Advent. This is a time of patient waiting, an emphasis on reverence and prayer, and a time of reflecting on the coming Christ—both as an infant in the manger at Bethlehem, and as Lord of eternity. Our weekly worship also takes on this more reflective and contemplative spirit.

As I have prayed for direction for ministry during Advent, I have also been drawn to our local community ministry: T. I. M. E.—The Improved Milton Experience. This is a wonderful way of drawing us to the gifts of the home we share here. If you are someone who enjoys walking, it is also an opportunity to walk through town and learn about the Milton area. There are resources available through the Milton Borough office to assist you, and I encourage you to seek those out if you are interested.

T. I. M. E. reminded me of our need to take time for prayer. And this year, during Advent, we will be offering a prayer event for our congregation—for all ages—on Friday, December 1—to reflect on taking that time. We will also be gathering our prayers together each Sunday throughout the Advent season to create a prayer chain for our Christmas tree. To create the chain, we will use paper strips of blue, the seasonal color of Advent hope; and white, the seasonal color of Christmas purity and joy; writing those needs we bring on these paper strips; connecting them as our congregational Advent family prayer chain; and offering them to Jesus at Christmas. These prayers will be the emphasis for our prayers at worship on Christmas Day.

You are invited to join your church family in beginning a prayerful Advent and preparation for the celebration of Christmas. Please come—Friday, December 1—at 6 p.m. We will be ordering pizza to share, so please sign up at church (or call the church office to sign up).

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## Birthdays in December

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If you are unable to attend December 1 and would like to be involved in the prayer chain ministry, please call me. (We can mail prayer chain strips to you.) You can participate in this prayer ministry from home, hospital, desk, car, church pew, or wherever you serve the Lord each day. Our Lord celebrates all the sharing we do in prayer.

Remember...during Advent: Take T.I.M.E. for prayer

**T** give **Thanks**  
**I** **Intercede** for others  
**M** remember **Me** (the needs you bring to the Lord); and  
**E** those things that are **Eternal** for which you pray God to continue to bless the world

See you December 1, at 6 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall.  
 Remember to sign up!

Your partner in mission and ministry,  
*Pastor Pat*

*Thank You!*  
**THANK YOU!**

**Thank you....**

To Larry Gray's able leadership as our CateQUIZem event leader, to all our able "joyful noisemakers" who participated, and to Roger Watts, for setting us up. Team 2 took the honors of being our first CateQUIZem champs, spelling out the word, "Luther," and winning the team tie-breaker question!

To Greg Funk, for the blessing he has been as our church organist. We will offer a service of Godspeed to Greg in December to bless him for his calling to work in Charlotte, North Carolina, beginning in January.

To our Worship & Music Team, for all your help in planning and coordinating the wonderful organ recital on All Saints Sunday, to all those special ministers of music who participated, and to all of you who came to receive of their ministries.

*"For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us:"* (Romans 12:4-6a)

James Bartlett	12/1	Mary Kathryn Leiby	12/16
Nancy Watts	12/1	Gary Loreman	12/16
Jennifer Harrington	12/2	Penny Ulmer	12/17
Connie Mensch	12/2	Linda Valiquette	12/17
Brad Bartlett	12/3	Ned Mertz	12/18
Charlene Francis	12/3	Scott Reed	12/18
Marvel Fisher	12/4	Brenda Bartlett	12/19
Scott Freeman	12/4	Kelly Solomon	12/19
Ann-Marie Gregory	12/4	Kelli Haupt	12/20
Renee Longenberger	12/4	Margarite Ruth	12/20
Anthony Seibert	12/6	Alyssa Byers	12/21
David Yost	12/6	Joseph Shiffer	12/21
Ruth Greenly	12/7	Jane Bloom	12/22
Florence Ishler	12/7	Kimberly Le	12/22
Ken Snyder	12/7	Blake Wargo	12/22
Joey Martin	12/8	Jeremy Millett	12/23
Robert Derr	12/10	Zeke Fisher	12/24
Kim Danowsky	12/11	Jason Walls	12/25
Nancy Manning	12/11	Jamie Faust	12/27
Dale Bender	12/12	George Bolich	12/29
Christina Metzger	12/12	Anna Mae Harpster	12/29
Grant Wargo	12/13	Gary Martin	12/29
Chadd Sechler	12/14	Barbara Gray	12/30



Bruce & Helen Manning Sr.	12/3	71 years
Jennifer & Justin Harrington	12/7	10 years
Willard & Jane Bloom	12/16	39 years
Dana & Kelly Schneider	12/17	18 years
Lee & Darlas Yost	12/23	56 years



## Treasurer's Report for October

	Beginning Balances 01/01/06	Receipts thru 10/31/06	Expenses thru 10/31/06	Curr. Balances 10/31/06
Current Expenses	7,718.25	98,207.16	-106,745.84	<b>-820.43</b>
Synod Commitment	.00	6,660.00	- 6,660.00	.00
Local Benevolences	.00	3,688.00	- 1,175.00	2,513.00
Building Fund	14,175.07	1,124.95	- 5,329.53	9,970.49
Parking Lot Fund	<u>6,000.00</u>	<u>.00</u>	<u>.00</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b><u>27,893.32</u></b>	<b><u>109,680.11</u></b>	<b><u>-119,910.37</u></b>	<b><u>17,663.06</u></b>

### Year-End Projections:

Average Receipts per week	2,493		
NEED per week to MEET Budget		-3,039	
BEHIND budget per week by:			-546
PROJECTED YEAR-END:	\$132,129 -157,916	-25,787.00	

Please remember to fill your **Advent** and special **Christmas Offering Envelopes** which are located in your offering envelope packets. These **Special Offerings** are essential to meeting our Church Budget for the Year.

### End-of-year giving...

December 31st is fast approaching for end of year donations!

**NOTE:** All offering donations need to be received or post-marked by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> in order to be credited to this calendar year.

## Prayer Concerns



### Members of our congregation:

Carrie Bastian; Blanche & Kermit Benfer; Caroline Bobb; Lucille Bruss; Mary Burns; Dr. Ken & Betty Jeanne Callenberger; Edith Coup; Allene Engleman; Betty Eskildson; Gladys Fisher; Irmgard Gordos; Danny Hendershot; Merritt and Doris Heffelfinger; Mary Kathryn Leiby; Edith Robenolt; Marguarite Ruth; Myra Savidge; Marie Springer; Leah Walker; Kenneth Webb; Nancy Weikel; Josephine Yocum; serving in the military Todd Beck Jr., Stephanie Ulmer' family of Jeanne Batdorf; family of Betty Fisher

### Friends and families of the congregation:

Adam Arndt (military)	John Lilley
Eugene Benfer	Amanda Lyons
Bernice Bocknight	Nick Machusak
Amy Brown (military)	Jay Miliniczik (military)
Joshua Brown (military)	Audrey Miller
Betty Chappell	Dan Moll (military)
Jim Conrad	Margaret Moll
Mindy Crawford	Dan Morgan
Glen Dewire Jr.	Lynda Phillips
Betty Dotts	Brandon Rathfon (military)
Ida Mae Fisher	Helen Scholl
Jeff Frederick	Gene Schmounder
Jordan	Tammy Schneider
Whitney	Matthew Sessions
Sharon Garman	Glenn Snyder (military)
Daniel Gonzales (military)	Eric Strobeck (military)
Gabriel Gonzales (military)	Sandy Wagner
Justin Gonzales (military)	Shirley Wargo
Joanne Greenly	Bill Wargo
Cathy Gutshall	Cheryl Yeager
Phyllis Harpster	
Connie Heddings	
Dorene Heffner	
Paul Heimbach	
Jaimee Johnson	
Camille Kreisher	
Robert Krick	

**Put Bible Study with your Church Family in your calendar...**

**\*Thursdays at 2 pm** – we are enjoying a video series, based in the Holy Land, and reflecting on our Lord’s journey with us in the Bible.

**\*Sundays, monthly** – we are reflecting on basics of our faith using the book, Living in the Kingdom: Reflections on Luther’s Small Catechism. This book is a collection of short chapters that offer discussion and reflection on Bible readings in light of Luther’s teachings. If you want to learn more about being Lutheran, this is the class for you! Our next meeting is Sunday, November 26, in the church parlor. We meet from 7-8 pm.

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**Wednesday, Dec. 27:** Our Quiet Communion Service during this first week of Christmas will include a Celebration of Children. Bring your children, grandchildren, and other young ones who may be visiting with you during the holidays to this special service, to be held at 4 pm.

If you would like to help with this celebration we will be praising God for children and offering “goodie bags” to those who attend. If you would like to prepare one for our celebration, add these items to a cloth bag and drop it off at church between now and Dec. 24:

- \*a small, huggable stuffed animal (safe for all ages)
  - \*coloring book and crayons
  - \*child’s Bible story book and
  - \*a brightly colored plastic cup (child size)
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**Mondays – 5 p.m.** – *Community Meal* at St. Andrew’s (behind Trinity) – served until about 6:15 p.m. – open to all, donations accepted for cost of the meal.

At 5:30 p.m., there is also a *cooperative Bible Study* ministry being offered by congregations in the Milton Ministerium.

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***You are invited...***

...to attend the *Live Nativity* at Pine Street Lutheran Church in Danville: Dec. 17 from 3-5 pm (in front of the church).



**Military care packages...**

Time is drawing near for the mailing of the military packages and we are thankful for the items donated to this date.

However, we are still in need of a few things:

- \*Slim Jims/Beef Jerky
- \*Playing Cards
- \*Writing paper/envelopes
- \*Homemade cookies or fudge

We will be assembling the boxes in the parlor of the church on **Dec. 2 at 10 am.**

**PLEASE** – if there are any new addresses or change of addresses for anyone let Penny Ulmer at 452-5408 or Nancy Watts at 713-0011 know of the changes.

Thank you to all who have contributed things thus far.

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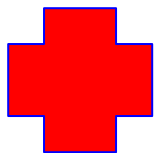
**2nd Annual Shoe Drive is underway at the Hand Up Foundation (HUF)**

Do you have any shoes to donate to the HUF organization? Some of the shoes will be sold to exporters and go to 3rd world countries and some will be sold to recyclers.

Monies raised through this project will be used to purchase their 1st HUF House purchase to house non-violent offenders coming out of prison to get a fresh start; to provide a solid Christian supportive atmosphere for 6-8 persons to live for 6-12 months. During that time they will be trained in getting and keeping a job, personal living skills, healthy relationships and spiritual growth. They will experience a Christian family experience and with God’s help they will leave as a new creation.

Please bring any shoes to be donated to the HUF Shoe Drive to the church and drop off in the box provided in the narthex.

For more information, please take a moment and read the letter posted on the bulletin board.



**AMERICAN  
RED CROSS**

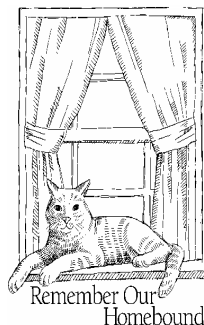
**Food Bank** – The Red Cross is collecting applesauce and canned fruit for the month of December. Please place your donations in the box provided in the narthex. Thank you.

### Remember Our Homebound Members

Members of the congregation are encouraged to send a birthday greeting to the following whose birthdays are celebrated in December:

Mary Kathryn Leiby - Dec. 16  
226 Madison Ave.  
Milton, PA 17847

Margarite Ruth - Dec. 20  
Rockwell Center  
Room 28  
32 S. Turbot Avenue  
Milton, PA 17847



### **Pray for your leaders at Christ Church.**



This month, remember especially your Church Staff: Harry Berger, Groundskeeper; Greg Funk, Organist; Ruth Greenly, Financial Secretary; Dale Kriner, Treasurer; Pastor Pat; Linda Shipman, Office Manager; Donna Spear, Webmaster; Nancy Walters, Director of Church Music; Roger Watts, currently serving as Custodian.

Send them a note and thank them for their ministry.



### **From the Library...**

*--Mary Lazor*

If you are a parent and have young children you want to tell about the Jesus side of Christmas, the library has something for you.

There are four Arch books in the library: **Elizabeth's Christmas Story, Jus Look in the Stable, Jesus Is Born, and Three Presents for Baby Jesus.** The four books are colourful and designed for the young children.

This would be a great idea for Christmas stories the week of Christmas. It is an opportunity to take some of the commercialism away and teach children what Christmas is all about.

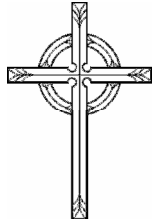
Enjoy with you children. They are several good reads.

## **Calling all parents:**

**2 opportunities for you to do Christmas tasks or just relax! Mark your calendars!!!**

**Friday, Dec. 8** will be an evening for children at the church. Come at *5 pm and stay till 10 pm*. This is a chance for parents to do some of their Christmas tasks or just relax and go out. Supper will be served, games will be played and Christmas movies shown. Looking forward to seeing some happy faces. Any questions, call Mary Lazor at 742-7138.

**Saturday, Dec. 16** - Girl Scout Troop 1990 is providing Christmas Babysitting Service from *9:30 am to 1 pm* for children ages 2-8. Lunch will be provided as well as plenty of games, activities and lots of fun things to do. Free of charge. The girls will be working toward "Child Care" Badge. Any questions contact Kellie Brouse, troop leader.



**Saints we remembered on  
All Saints' Sunday, Nov. 5**



This Holiday Season, please take a moment to send a Christmas greeting or visit the following homebound members of our congregation:

**Those who were baptized from November 1, 2005 to November 1, 2006:**

Justin Michael Walls – 11/30/2005  
Skyler Patrick Lee Harrington – 4/16/2006

**Those who passed the gate of death into eternal life from November 1, 2005 to November 1, 2006:**

**Members:**

Anna Catherine Yagel – 1/12/2006  
Corrine Noll Twist – 4/25/2006  
Donald James Millett – 8/12/2006  
Glenwood James Dewire – 8/16/2006  
Mary Meriam Deaner – 9/15/2006  
Jeanne Alberta Batdorf – 10/23/06

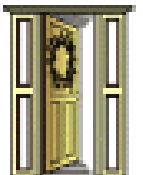
**Non-members:**

Mary Keiser – 12/29/2005



*All Saints' Day*

**Carrie Bastian** – Kramms 64A, 743 Mahoning St., Milton  
**Blanche and Kermit Benfer** – 1125 Montour St., Milton  
**Caroline Bobb** – P.O. Box 195, White Deer, PA 17887  
**Lucille Bruss** – 872 Housels Run Road, Milton  
**Mary Burns** – Kramms 52A, 743 Mahoning St., Milton  
**Dr. Kenneth and Betty Jeanne Callenberger** – 644 Mahoning St., Milton  
**Edith Coup** – 895 Shakespeare Ave., Milton  
**Gladys Fisher** – A102 Centre Towne Apartments, Milton  
**Irmgard Gordos** – Rockwell Center, Room 232, 32 S. Turbot Ave., Milton  
**Mary Kathryn Leiby** – 226 Madison Ave., Milton  
**Dix and Pauline Reitz** – Box 108 Montandon, PA 17850  
**Edith Robenolt** – Outlooke Point at Lewisburg, 180 Old Turnpike Rd., Lewisburg, PA 17837  
**Margarite Ruth** – Rockwell Center, Room 28, 32 S. Turbot Ave., Milton  
**Myra Savidge** – Rockwell Center, Room 113, 32 S. Turbot Ave., Milton  
**Marie Springer** – 3360 Shakespeare Road, Milton  
**Leah Walker** – 1230 Penn Street, Milton  
**Kenneth Webb** – 558 Mahoning St., Milton  
**Josephine Yocum** – 743 Mahoning St., Milton





## The Annual Advent Pageant December 10

This year's Advent Pageant for the congregation and the children revolves around two manger scenes.

In the foreground a family sitting at a table will assemble its manger scene while nearby the children will form a living costumed nativity scene. Mother and father from the family scene serve as narrators for the program, assisted by "their" children. Frequently the two groups interact: the costumed shepherds, for example, will put figures of shepherds (and sheep) into the family's display before taking their places in the nativity scene.

This will once again be a delightful and moving service - one that will truly prepare your heart for the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ.

We will also have communion as part of this pageant which will be held in the Sanctuary.

A potluck dinner will begin at 5 pm in Fellowship Hall. Big T chicken and drinks will be provided...please bring a covered dish or dessert to share as well as your own table setting.

The pageant itself will begin at 6 pm.

Mark your calendars now for December 10. You won't want to miss this special annual event at Christ Lutheran Church.



OFFERING  
COUNTERS  
NEEDED

Beginning in January 2007, the Sunday worship services' offerings need to be counted by **VOLUNTEER MEMBERS** of the congregation. This has been mandated by the 2006 audit committee and approved by the congregational council at its November 2006 meeting.

**TWO counters** are needed per Sunday and will be assigned on a monthly basis. However, if enough people volunteer, counters can be assigned on a weekly or bi-weekly basis.

The Offerings **MUST BE** counted immediately after each Sunday worship service. Arrangements to count the offerings at different times other than after services must be cleared with the church office previously.

All volunteers will be trained and all supplies will be provided.

If you are interested in being a volunteer offering counter, please sign up below and place in the offering plate or the church office.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Best MONTH(s) Available: \_\_\_\_\_



## Social Ministry Update



Church Council Notes  
November 7, 2006



**Winter Wraps Ministry** – Thank you to everyone who donated their time and talent to make 200 handmade hats, scarves and/or mittens for this ministry. Final inventory: 111 hats, 42 mittens/gloves, 21 scarves, 22 hat/scarf/glove sets, and 5 baby sets. The items have been divided up and boxes of items have already been delivered to our Local Red Cross in Milton and Haven Ministry in Sunbury to begin distribution. Our final box of items will be sent out in early December to Hats for the Homeless which distributes items at a local soup kitchen in New York City the week before Christmas. We will accept items for the New York box until the beginning of December. Then take a break over the holiday season before we will start up this ministry again in January.

**A Mile of Pennies** – As of 11/9/06, we have collected a total of \$315.00 in pennies since the beginning of the year. Let's put on a final push to complete our first half mile of this journey by reaching \$422.50 before year end. (\$107.50 to go) Money collected from our "Penny Project" will be used to support new and existing Social Ministry programs.

**Christmas Carolling** – We have not yet finalized a date to go Christmas Carolling, visit our shut members and deliver Christmas poinsettias. If this is something that you are interested in participating in, please talk to Penny Coup on dates you are available so that we can make final arrangements.

**Angel Tree** – We have been unable to get names for an Angel Tree this year. We will try again next year. Anyone interested in taking the lead on this project for 2007, please see Penny Coup.

### **2007 Project Leaders Needed**

If you are looking for a way to serve, please consider the following 2 projects which are in need of a Coordinator in 2007:

Benefit Yard Sale Coordinator – Event held in May  
Crop Walk Recruiter – Event Held in October

To learn more about these roles, please see Penny Coup.

\*The meeting was opened with our Mission Statement and prayer.

\*Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

\*The Treasurer's report was approved.

\*A recommendation from the Finance Committee to create an Offering Counting Committee was presented. Motion carried. Guidelines for the committee were presented to Council. Those on the committee will be trained in the procedure for counting the offerings.

\*A Task Force will be formed to discuss the use of Bequest Distributions received by our church.

\*The Advent Pageant will take place on December 10th. Plan to come for fellowship at a covered dish dinner first and the Pageant following.

\*December 8th there will be a "Parent's Night Out" program from 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. There will be lots of fun things for the children to do and food.

\*The new table and chairs have been ordered for the Nursery.

\*Mary Lazor will be forming a Stewardship Group beginning after the first of the New Year. Please look for upcoming information on this ministry group.

**Congregational Meeting  
November 12, 2006**



\*Meeting called to order by Kellie Brouse.

\*56 Voting members were present.

\*The Ballot of nominees for Church Council for 2007 was presented. They are as follows: Rose Bolich, re-election, Judy Schneider, re-election, and Don Fisher – to replace Frank Hartzel who is going off council. These nominees were elected.

\*An Operating Budget for 2007 which is only what is needed to run the church with no Outreach was presented by the Finance Committee who took a long look at receipts versus expenses and the projected deficit for this year. The Operating Budget for 2007 was approved as presented by a written ballot.

\*The Constitution Committee presented a motion for revisions to our Constitution to clarify the current Constitution, for the first vote. Motion carried. The revised Constitution will be finalized at the February, 2007, Annual meeting.

I wish to place \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettia(s) in our church for Christmas 2006. My check/money (\$9.50 per plant) is enclosed in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_.

I want the following information printed in the worship bulletin for Christmas Eve:

In Loving Memory of:

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In Honor of:

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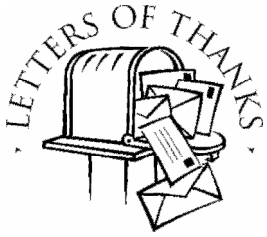
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Sponsored by:

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**Order Deadline: Sunday, December 3rd.**



Dear Sisters and Brothers at Christ  
Lutheran in Milton,

As some of you know, I had the privilege of traveling to Tanzania last June. It was exciting to be in Africa, to see lions, elephants, and giraffes in their natural homes and to meet people with totally different lifestyles, to participate in a worship service that lasted 2-1/2 hours with fantastic singing and no one (including children) showing signs of restlessness. It was sobering to see the poverty and learn about the devastations of AIDS and other serious illness.

This trip was made possible in part because of your generous gifts when we left Milton. So I send a heartfelt thank you for your help in this very special adventure with memories to be treasured the rest of my life.

And, when you hear Betty Eskildson talk about Operation Bootstrap Africa, pay attention. It is a most valuable and needed aid project.

God's peace to you all. You are still in my prayers.

Love,  
Pastor Sue

***Great Christmas gift idea...***

The 6<sup>th</sup> in series of Collectibles available for Mount Luther is Oak Cottage (original building on camp property when purchased in 1963).

Cost is \$18 for one, \$30 for two and proceeds benefit the camp's general operating fund. Please contact the camp at 570-922-1587 to order one.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>December 2006</b>					1 6 pm – Take T.I.M.E. for Prayer event	2 10 am - Advent Pageant Rehearsal 4-7 pm Benefit Turkey/Ham Dnr
3 – 1st Sun. in Advent 9 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist – Blessing of Military Care Packages	4 9 am – Property Mtg 6 pm – Brownies 7 pm – Staff Support Mtg	5 8 am – Sermon Study Group 6 pm – Girl Scouts 7 pm Council	6 1-6 pm - Bloodmobile 4 pm – Quiet Communion 6 pm – Prayer 6 pm – Jr. Bell Choir 6:30 pm – Sr. Bell Choir 7:30 pm – Sr. Choir	7 8 am – Conf. Pastors 2 pm – Bible Study 3-9:30 pm - Dance	8 Noon – Newsletter Deadline 5:30-10:30 pm – Parents Night Out	9 10 am - Advent Pageant Rehearsal 3 pm – Private Christmas Party Hanging of Greens
10 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun in Adv. 9 am– Sunday Sch. 10:30 am– Holy Eucharist 5 pm – Advent Pageant	11 11-3 pm – Women’s Club of Milton Mtg 6 pm - Brownies	12 8 am – Sermon Study Group 6 pm – Girl Scouts	13 9 am – Milton Min. 4 pm – Quiet Communion 6 pm – Prayer 6 pm – Jr. Bell Choir 6:30 pm – Sr. Bell Choir 7:30 pm – Sr. Choir	14 9 am – Newsletter Assbly 10:30 am –Kramms Comm @ Milton 2 pm – Bible Study 2:30 pm – Kramms Comm. @Watson town 3-9:30 pm - Dance	15	16 Christmas Baby-sitting Svc by Girl Scouts 9:30 am – 1 pm
17– 3rd Sun in Adv. 9 am – CateQUIZem 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist - Home Communion	18 6 pm - Brownies	19 8 am – Sermon Study Group 6 pm – Girl Scouts 7 pm – W&M Mtg	20 4 pm – Quiet Communion 6 pm – Prayer 6 pm – Jr. Bell Choir 6:30 pm – Sr. Bell Choir 7:30 pm – Sr. Choir	21 2 pm – Bible Study	22	23
24 – 4 <sup>th</sup> Sun. in Adv. 8:30 am – Worship @ Trinity 9 am – S. S. 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/Christmas Carol Sing & Decorating for Christmas ----- 7 pm – Christmas Eve Service 11 pm – Worship @ Trinity	25 10 am – Quiet Holy Eucharist ◀Pastor Pat w/family	26 6:30 pm – Finance Mtg in Martinsburg ➡	27 4 pm – Quiet Communion – will include a Celebration of Children 6 pm – Prayer 6 pm – Jr. Bell Choir 6:30 pm – Sr. Bell Choir 7:30 pm – Sr. Choir	28 ◀ Pr Pat on vacation	29 & journaling ➡	30
31 – 1 <sup>st</sup> Sun. After Christmas 9 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist						

## December Worship Participants

### Altar Guild

Bebe Bolich; Linda & Kristen Bastian; Nancy Watts

#### Ushers

##### **Dec. 3 – 1st Sunday in Advent**

John & Trent Wargo  
Larry & Brody Gray

##### **Dec. 10 – 2nd Sunday in Advent**

Byers Family

##### **Dec. 17 – 3rd Sunday in Advent**

Harry Berger; Pete Ishler  
Roger & Nancy Watts

##### **Dec. 24 – 4th Sunday in Advent**

Harold Webb; Dale Bender  
Ruth & Gerald Greenly

#### Participants

A – Blake & Grant Wargo  
L – Kristen Bastian  
S – Bebe Bolich, Ed Coup  
SS – Roger Watts  
Prayer Team Minister – Mae Jones

A – Rachael Spear & Sydney Blosser  
L – Betty Eskildson  
S – Rose Deaner & Rose Bolich  
SS – Stephen Moll  
Prayer Team Minister – Mary Lazor

A – Brody Gray & Ryan Byers  
L – Ed Coup  
S – Penny Ulmer & Heather Martin  
SS – Stephen Moll  
Prayer Team Minister – Rose Bolich

A – Ashley Winner  
L – Rose Deaner  
S – Ed Coup & Kristen Bastian  
SS – Roger Watts  
Prayer Team Minister – Kellie Brouse

##### **Dec. 24 – Nativity of Our Lord**

Glenn & Ida Snyder  
Don & Laurie Fisher

##### **Dec. 25 – Christmas Day**

TBA

##### **Dec. 31 – Lee Yost; Harold Webb**

Larry & Brody Gray

A – Julia Spear & Linea Brouse  
C – Kristen Bastian  
T – Rachael Spear & Brittany Snyder  
L – Ed Coup  
S – Rose Bolich & Heather Martin  
SS – Roger Watts  
Prayer Team Minister – Kellie Brouse

A – TBA  
L – Betty Eskildson  
S – Rose Bolich  
SS – Roger Watts  
Prayer Team Minister – Rose Bolich

A – Alex Gonzales  
L – Kristen Bastian  
S – Bebe Bolich & Ed Coup  
SS – Stephen Moll  
Prayer Team Minister – Mae Jones

**If you are unable to participate on the dates you are scheduled this month, we would ask that you please contact the following people so arrangements can be made for someone to take your place:**

<b>Ushers:</b>	Church Office	742-7473
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Rose Bolich	568-8433
<b>Lectors, Servers &amp; Sound Sys:</b>	Penny Ulmer	437-3632
<b>Acolytes, Crucifers, &amp; Torchbearers:</b>	Kellie Brouse	742- 2115