

# THE PARISH VOICE

Newsletter of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church of Milton, PA  
"God's Work, Our Hands."

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December, 2010/January, 2011

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## **December 12 – Advent Pageant – 5:00 p.m.**

The fun begins with a potluck @ 5 p.m. Chicken will be provided; please bring a side dish to share. Pageant will follow.

## **December 19 – Live Nativity @ Pine Street, Danville, 3-6 p.m.**

## **December 24 – Christmas Eve Worship – 7 p.m.**

## **December 25 – Christmas Day Breakfast & Worship – 10 a.m.**

We'll begin with a potluck breakfast. Please bring a breakfast item to share; Quiet Communion will follow.

### **Mission Statement of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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



**Public Office Hours** are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (*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 at 12:00 noon.***

**Newsletter articles** are due in office by the ***10th of each month*** (*unless otherwise noted on newsletter calendar or bulletin*).

***Deadline for the next newsletter is January 10, with assembly on Thursday, January 27.***

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

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***“You will find him wrapped in bands of cloth,  
and lying in a manger.”***

In his final weeks of life on this earth, Dr. Ken Callenberger had a special dream. In that dream, he was in Bethlehem at the manger of Jesus. Though somewhat confused as to why he was there, Dr. Callenberger was absolutely sure it was the manger of our Lord, and he was blessed to be there.

In the Church, we talk about being with Jesus all the time – whether it be in such a special dream, in worship and praise, a beloved prayer, a surprise phone call, visit, or insight, and in those moments when God will even use our drinking a glass of water to brighten us with an “ah, ha....yes, Lord, I know you are there....”

This is a two-month newsletter that will carry us through the celebrations of Thanksgiving and Christmas, the new year in the Church called Advent – which begins November 28, as well as the new year in our world which will begin on January 1, 2011.

Jesus will greet us daily in these times of celebration and yes – a busy to beat ALL busies! It will stretch both our joy and our sorrow, as well as our energy and fatigue. We will eat with people we love and shop for people we love and cook for people we love with such abundance that even the Fat Lady at the circus would be moaning for relief!

This, too, is where we meet Jesus at the manger. While the world around us circles and lands in record speed, once again the tiny, blessed, humble little baby God will remind us that he came. A small band of shepherds, angels, and a mother and father chosen to bear and raise Jesus will be celebrating in that quiet place – or maybe that LOUD place where animals joined them – welcoming our Lord in human form. As he comes again in the stories of faith we tell, still he reigns from that feeding trough, that manger, calling us to worship and praise him in all that we do.

Every year I hear us say we will slow down more, enjoy the season more, drive ourselves into weariness less, and be sure that every gift we give will be filled with the love of Jesus most of all.

Okay, we will try that way once again. I will try that way once again.

And all the while, there we will find ourselves beside that manger once again, surrounded by a brilliant light of salvation that's so quietly and confidently entering our world of chaos.

Take some good moments these next two months to allow that beautiful light to lead all the good and wonderful things that Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas, and all our special gatherings together bring.

Jesus will still come to us in that manger – and will still call to us from the cross to follow him and bring others to his amazing light.

*“Silent night, Holy night, Son of God, Love’s pure light;  
Radiant beams from your holy face, With the dawn of redeeming  
grace; Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord at your birth.”*

*--from the hymn, “Silent Night,” by Joseph Mohr, 1792-1848*

Your partner in mission and ministry,

*Pastor Pat ☺*



## Prayer Concerns



### ***Members, Friends and Family of Christ Lutheran Prayer List...***

***For the sick:*** Allene Engleman; Mary Billhime;  
Brandon Folk; Ryan Francis; Mike Hobbins;  
Dianne Perrin; Justin Ruzza; Donna Sauers;  
Christine Scholl; Harrison Shirk; Mike Slease; Deb Snyder;  
Martha Snyder; Edna Spotts; Abe Suarez; Mae Walker

***For those with ongoing, extended illness:*** Faith Bacon;  
Joan & Keith Bagley; Leesa Bankert; Scott Blue; Bruce Bolich;  
Betty Brown; Emmaline Brown; Don Byerly; Jason Caldwell; Ryan  
Caldwell; Evelyn Campbell; Karen Campbell; Joan Carpenter;  
Carol Conrad; Miles Crawford; Charles Danowsky; Rose Deaner;  
Travis Deitrick; Cy & Christine Eminhizer; Isobel Feehrer; Annette  
Feltman; Joann Ficks; Catherine Finn; Rosella Follmer; Virginia  
Frantz; Beverly Fusaro; Marie Gray; Dana Habecker; Miya  
Hadcock; Mary & Jim Hollinbaugh; Lisa Huntington; Doug  
Killian; Camille Kreisher; Keith Kurtz; Mike & Mary Lazor;  
Patricia Leonard; Lois, Rachel, & Jessie McDonald; Shirley  
Menges; Betty Mero; Jen Miskin; Joann Myer; Stephanie Neal;  
Lucia Nolan; Hunter Page; Norm Purcell; Joy Reaser; Katie  
Richards; Ned Roush; Lori Smith; Mackenzie Snyder; Mary  
Steeley; Dorothy Stevens; Kisha Suarez; George & Tresha Sudol;  
Allen Sullender; Janet Swisher; Terry Valiquette; Sherry Yingling;  
Lois

***For those in sorrow:*** Family of Ken Callenberger; All who have  
lost loved ones; those in our community and the world who are  
recovering from fires and natural disasters

***For those anticipating and recovering from surgery:***  
Doug Erickson; Jane Foltz; Kayce Hill; Charlene Hodge; Joe  
Korzno; Pastor Dave McCarty; Edie Morgan; Jerry Roush; Darlas  
Yost

***For those adjusting to life changes***

***For those struggling with personal problems:*** Sue Bickel  
& family; Cindy Burgess & family; Nicholas Machusak; Brandon  
Rathfon; Gary Wilson

***For the imprisoned***

***For the homebound:*** Phyllis Albertson; Caroline Bobb; Lucille  
Bruss; Mary Burns; Betty Jeanne Callenberger; Edith Coup; Betty  
Dotts; Gladys Fisher; Bessie Hartzel; Merritt & Doris Heffelfinger;

Paul Heimbach; Margaret Kline; Tom Kline; Mary Kathryn Leiby; Elva Mazeall; Dix & Pauline Reitz; Margarite Ruth; Camille Schillig; Walter Scholl; Connie Sholly; Marie Springer; Florence Stahlnecker; Leah Walker; Kenneth Webb; Nancy Weikel

***For those serving in the military:*** Amy Brown; Joshua Brown; Christopher DePellegrin; Matthew Dorman; Justin Gonzales; Gabriel Gonzales; Larry Graby, Jr.; Jace Hutt; Kevin Hutt; Dan Moll; Anthony Nudson; Ken Ring; Glenn Snyder; Eric Strobeck

***For leaders, guides, students, and workers:*** Pr. Pat; Pr. Keith; Sunday School & Bible Buddies teachers; Viking & Marissa Dietrich, missionaries; Bishop Robert Driesen & Synod Staff; Bishop Mark Hanson & ELCA Staff

***For those needing daily strength:*** Crystal Colletti; Betty Comerer; Bob & Barbara Coup; Mary Cromis; Steve Ishler family; Dale Kriner & family

***For our partners who serve with us in Appalachia:*** The Jefferson area Lutheran Social Ministry, the newest Lutheran social ministry in Northwestern PA Synod, which is building affordable elderly housing and moving toward opening a homeless shelter

***More prayers needed...*** These are *member families* we have prayed for in Church since last issue: Allene Engleman; Stephanie Ulmer; Angela Francis; Ryan Francis; Jamie, Scott, & Logan Faust; Gregory Valiquette; Tracy, Pauline, Steven & Jessica Guffey; Isobel Feehrer; Terry & Linda Valiquette; John, Mary, Jason, & James Heffelfinger; Joanne & John Ficks; Leah Walker; Aaron Johnson.

***Blessings and love*** to Betty Jeanne Callenberger and all their family in the death of their beloved husband, father, and grandfather, Dr. Ken Callenberger. Ken joined the saints triumphant on Friday, October 29, 2010. His memorial service was held at Christ Church on Friday, November 5. *“Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him. Amen.”*





*A Special*  
THANK YOU



- To our Nominating Team, for your prayers and your time in listening for God's call for Council members to serve in 2011: *Anna Mae Harpster, Jen Harrington, Kim Herr, Pete Ishler, Shelly Snyder, and Donna Spear.*
- To *Kim Mitch and Stephanie Byers*, for your leadership with the kids in our Advent pageant this year.
- To *Roger Watts and Rose Deaner*, for your diligence in organizing our financial accounts, and to the Finance Team – which also includes *Don Fisher, Ruth Greenly, Stephen Moll, and Stephanie Byers* – for your time and effort in assisting Roger and Rose's efforts. Plus – a special thanks to *Jimmy Spear* for your accounting advice, help, and time!
- For those faithful Council members who are completing their terms of service this year: *Stephanie Byers, Donna Spear, and Tim Walsh.* THANK YOU for your leadership!
- To *all of you* who so generously give to our ingathering of food for the needy, and for the *Spear family*, who offered their time in organizing the baskets.
- To all who are able to deliver Christmas flowers and visit with our homebound folks at the holidays.
- To *Betty Morgan, Ida Snyder, Nancy Watts, Bebe Bolich* – and *all of you* who provided fellowship and food for our organ recital, and for the memorial service for *Dr. Ken Callenberger.*
- To *Roger Watts*, for handling the repairs so there is heat in the Sunday School classes!
- And – just for fun: to all of you who don't pray for that winter gift to come abundantly... you know...that four-letter, frozen "S" word! ☺

# Thank You Notes

Thank you for your recent donation of \$500.00 to Love INC. If it were not for wonderful friends like you, we would not be able to continue this very special ministry. In Christian love,  
- All of us at Love INC

## Worship Attendance Records

<u>Week of</u>	<u>Sun.</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>Other Services</u>	<u>Total</u>
Oct. 3	60	11		71
Oct. 10	52	12		64
Oct. 17	50	12		62
Oct. 24	68	6	3 private comm..	77
Oct. 31	61	12		73

*Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy...*

## Loose Cash Offerings in Worship & Special Appeals Envelopes

**Sunday School Christmas Project/Youth Activities (Dec.)  
and  
Social Ministry/Discretionary Fund (Jan.)**  
*(envelopes provided with newsletter)*

*Be a cheerful giver!*

*Please give generously to help others!!!*

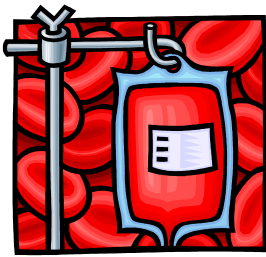
# Weekly Giving Per Envelope October, 2010

# Envelopes	Amount Given Each Week
3	\$100.01 or more
1	70.01 – 100.00
8	50.01 – 70.00
2	40.01 - 50.00
11	30.01 - 40.00
14	20.01 - 30.00
9	15.01 - 20.00
12	10.01 - 15.00
17	5.01 - 10.00
37	.01 - 5.00
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## HandUP Foundation

**Food Bank** – The Milton Food Bank is collecting *Jello pudding* for the month of *December* and *cereal* for the month of *January*. Please place your donations in the grocery cart in the narthex.





## Red Cross

Bloodmobile  
Wed., December 1  
12-6 p.m.

One out of three people will need donated blood in their lifetime.

## Bible Study Opportunities



- Thursdays, 2 p.m., in the parlor – studying the book of Genesis, using Book of Faith resources
- Sunday School for all ages – Every Sunday @ 9 a.m.
- Bible Buddies for children up to Senior High Youth age. We will take a break for the holidays and meet again in late January. Watch the bulletin for more info!
- Sunday Bible Study – Sunday, January 23, 2011 – 7 p.m. We are studying different people of the Bible who aren't as well known or remembered. February's Bible Study will be from 7-8 p.m. on February 20.
- Gerasene Team ministry - we gather monthly during the Sunday School hour to study, pray, and ponder ways we can reach out with the good news of Jesus! Next meeting will be Sunday, December 19, at 9 a.m., in the parlor. In January, we'll meet on January 23; and in February, on February 20.

## Help us help others!

- Campbell's Soup labels and Labels for Education for the Navajo Lutheran Mission project
- Can tabs for Ronald McDonald House
- Pennies for Social Ministry projects



### Visit Our Website/Facebook Page -

**[www.christlutheranmpa.org](http://www.christlutheranmpa.org)** or **[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)**  
and search for "Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church" for up-to-date Church information! Email [celcnetwork@christlutheranmpa.org](mailto:celcnetwork@christlutheranmpa.org) (James Bartlett) to have events posted on Facebook or post a status/comment on the page. For postings/ideas/suggestions regarding the website, contact Donna Spear, Webmaster, at [speardonna@gmail.com](mailto:speardonna@gmail.com).

### Attention Youth Worship Participants: We Need You!



### Worship Participants

Since scheduling your Sunday assignments was difficult for you – we now have a sign-up sheet for acolytes, etc. Please sign up to offer your talents to God in worship! 😊

If this does not work out, we will have to begin making assignments again. So...take your turn by signing up on the worship sheet in the narthex!

## From the Church Office

Don't forget to order your Christmas poinsettias. You have your choice of red, pink, or white at a cost of \$9.50 each. You also have the choice of contributing to the purchase of 4" poinsettias for our shut-ins at a cost of \$4.50 each. **All orders must be received by December 6<sup>th</sup>. Sorry, no exceptions.**

The next Newsletter deadline is January 10<sup>th</sup>.

Wishing each of you a most blessed and Merry Christmas  
and a

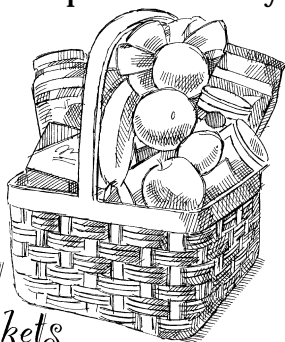
Happy, Healthy New Year!!

- Lorei



## Holiday Food Baskets

This year we will be supporting 9 individuals/families with holiday food baskets for Christmas. As each of you begins to plan and make purchases for your own holiday meals, please consider picking up additional items to help another family experience that same joy.



Food  
Baskets

We are continuing to collect **Non-perishable items** through *December 19<sup>th</sup>*. Items can be placed in the grocery cart in the narthex. In addition to the traditional holiday meal items (canned sweet potatoes, vegetables, fruit, apple sauce, pie

baking items, etc.) any boxed or canned food items will be appreciated as we usually fill the box with enough items for several meals. We will use Social Ministry funds to purchase a ham for each basket. **Perishable items** (potatoes, oranges, and apples) are needed. A sign-up sheet is on table in narthex. Please

remember we need enough items to fill 9 Christmas baskets, so please give generously. Monetary donations will also be appreciated to help support the purchase of the additional items. Please place your donation in the offering plate marked "Holiday Food Baskets."

If you would like to help put the baskets together, call the Church Office. Thank you!

## **Holiday Angels**

We are looking for Holiday Angels who would be willing to deliver Poinsettias to our shut-in members. Flowers will be available for delivery on Sunday, December 12th. If you are interested and able to commit a few hours to help deliver these Christmas gifts, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex.



Take a tag off the tree and purchase a Christmas gift for a needy child in our local area. The Angel Tree ministry is sponsored by the local Salvation Army. The child's first name, age, and gift information is on the tag. Return your unwrapped gift by December 12. If you have any questions, contact Betty Morgan at 742-8654.

## **Gifts for Danville State Hospital Patients**

Adult patients (men and women) at the Danville State Hospital are in need of watches and phone cards this Christmas. If you would like to participate in this ministry, you can purchase inexpensive watches and low-cost phone cards at Wal-Mart, CVS, etc. Bring them to the Church by December 12. If you have any questions, contact Betty Morgan at 742-8654.



**SPECIAL ALERT:** Our food bank is **LOW** on **CANNED MEATS/FISH** and **CEREAL** – If you can offer gifts of any of these items, they would be **MOST** appreciated!! (You may bring them any time to the grocery cart in the church.)

**STILL Wanted – Your favorite Church Season of the Year!!! Extended Time for You to Offer Your Thoughts!**

Pastor Pat is conducting a survey of our favorite church seasons:

Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, or Pentecost (either the Day of Pentecost or the whole green Season after Pentecost)....

- What is your favorite season, and why?
- What are some of your favorite things that we do in church during that season?

Thank you for those who have offered ideas already. If you haven't, be sure to add your comments. Help Pastor Pat grow a colorful bulletin board picture of the way we enjoy worshipping the Lord all year!

*(Send them to the church: 1125 Mahoning Street, Milton; by emailing [pastor@christlutheranmpa.org](mailto:pastor@christlutheranmpa.org); or write them down on paper that you can hand Pastor Pat at church!)*

*Extended Deadline for submissions: January 4*

## **Special Guests with us in January....**

Mr. Chad Hershberger, Director of our Synod Camp, Mount Luther, will be with us to bring the Word on Sunday, January 16. Ms. Sue Norton, Regional Director for our local Red Cross chapter, will be with us to bring the Word in worship on January 30. They will offer reflections on "What God is doing in Camp Mount Luther and in the Red Cross."

We give thanks for Mt. Luther's outdoor ministries to people of all ages and the growth in faith our youth in particular have received at camp. We also give thanks for all that the Red Cross is able to offer in service to others, as well as the sandwich ministry and general fund gifts we have been able to give toward their ministry here in Milton. Come, be in worship to hear what God is doing with all God has given us to share!



**Hey Kids** – Keep in Mind our **Traditional Youth Lock-In** for youth Grades 3-6! It will be held on Friday, February 18, 2011 – with Bible Buddies preceding it at 5:30 p.m.



Come, enjoy a night of fun with friends, and a night of celebrating what it means to be young saints of God!

And adults – we'll need your willing hands and time to serve as chaperones for the night. Watch for a sign-up sheet when time gets closer!

## **Northern Lights Activities**

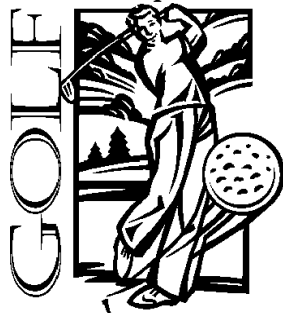
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| December 7  | Book Group, 12 noon, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Milton  |
| December 8  | Bible Study, 10 am, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Milton   |
| December 9  | Worship, 10:30 am, at Kramm's Nursing Home, Milton<br><br>Worship, 2:30 pm, at Kramm's Nursing Home, Watontown       |
| December 10 | Follmer Lutheran Spaghetti Dinner, 5-7 pm, at Follmer Lutheran Church, Pottsgrove. \$7/benefits "Kids for Camp" fund |
| December 12 | Susquehanna Valley Chorale Concert, 3 p.m., at Zion Lutheran Church, Sunbury   |
| December 15 | Bible Study, 10 am, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Milton   |

- December 16                    Dinner & Movie, 6 pm, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Milton
- December 19                    Live Nativity, 3-6 pm, Pine Street Lutheran Church, Danville
- December 24                    “Family-friendly” Christmas Eve Service, 7 pm, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Milton
- Christmas Eve service, 7 pm Music and 7:30 pm worship at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Turbotville
- Christmas Eve Service, 10:30 pm Special Music and 11 pm Candlelight service at Trinity Lutheran Church, Milton
- Christmas Eve “Unplugged” service, 11 pm, at United in Christ Lutheran Church, West Milton w/Pr. Dan May
- December 26                    One Sunday service, 9:30 am, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Milton
- January 5                        Epiphany Eve service and Burning of the Greens at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, fire and singing at 6:30 pm; hotdogs, s’mores at 7 pm. All are welcome!



## **Bishop's Open Golf Classic**

Like to golf? Plan now to play in the Bishop's Open Golf Classic – Monday, May 9, 2011, rain or shine, at the Susquehanna Valley Country Club, Hummels Wharf. Play is a 4-person scramble with three flights; prizes; putting contest. Camp Mount Luther holds this event in partnership with Upper Susquehanna Synod Bishop Robert L. Driesen, to have fun and raise funds in order to better our youth in a faith based camping program. Registration and lunch – 11:30 a.m.; golfing begins at 12:30 p.m. Snacks, drinks, & prizes after golfing. Registration deadline is April 15, 2011. Forms are available on the table in the Church narthex. Questions? Call 922-1587 or email [cml@campmountluther.org](mailto:cml@campmountluther.org).



**Copies of USS ARK (Upper Susquehanna Synod news)  
and CAMEL TRACKS (Camp Mt. Luther news)  
are available in narthex. Help yourself!**

## Bible Trivia

Which two Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John) begin with stories of birth?

*Answer on Page 21.*



BIBLE TRIVIA

## Synod: Did You Know?

Synod Council, at its September meeting, made official the steering committee for the "Carol G. Main Scholarship Fund." The fund was started in Spring 2007 to honor the ministry of Carol Main, wife of Bishop Emeritus A. Donald Main. The purpose of the fund is to provide limited education scholarships (towards school fees and/or tuition only) for the spouses of pastors of the Lutheran Church in Liberia. The steering committee consists of Carol Bradford (chair), Ruth Koble, Pastor Mary Peterhaensel, Deborah Bernheisel, and Pastor Beth Ann Stone.

## ELCA : Did You Know?

Our churchwide mission support provides SO MUCH to others in the world. Read what our gifts are doing in Nicaragua:



Nubia owns a herd of 60 dairy cows on her ranch on the outskirts of Chinandega, Nicaragua. There she employs nine people, and her cows produce 1,000 liters of milk per day. Each morning, a long line of neighbors forms to buy fresh cheese and dairy

products.

But three years ago, when her husband died, Nubia didn't think she could keep her land, much less run a successful dairy. She had just a few cows. They grazed on nothing but dry underbrush, and they were producing less and less milk every day. Worried about the future, Nubia's children left the country to find jobs in the United States and Spain. Nubia's future seemed bleak.

Good agricultural techniques changed everything for Nubia. Now enjoying a nutritious diet and grazing in fields of tall alfalfa, her cows are healthier and producing more milk than ever.

Nubia learned to grow alfalfa for her cows from the Millennium Challenge Corporation, a new U.S. development assistance program. Bread for the World helped establish this program through the 2003 Offering of Letters and financial support from ELCA World Hunger.

Nubia is proud of her work. Because of her success, she is no longer worried about her future. She only hopes that her children can return. She says, "I named (the farm) Deysi, which is also my daughter's name. Maybe it's meant to be hers."



Willard & Janie Bloom	12/16	43 years
Dana & Kelly Schneider	12/17	22 years
Lee & Darlas Yost	12/23	60 years



**Bible Trivia Answer: Matthew and Luke (imagine you are Joseph, Mary, or Zechariah: How would you respond to the angels' invitations?)**

## **Birthdays This Month**

<b>James Bartlett</b>	<b>12/1</b>
<b>Nancy Watts</b>	<b>12/1</b>
<b>Jennifer Harrington</b>	<b>12/2</b>
<b>Sharon Karchner</b>	<b>12/2</b>
<b>Connie Mensch</b>	<b>12/2</b>
<b>Brad Bartlett</b>	<b>12/3</b>
<b>Charlene Francis</b>	<b>12/3</b>
<b>Marvel Fisher</b>	<b>12/4</b>
<b>Ann-Marie Gregory</b>	<b>12/4</b>
<b>Renee Longenberger</b>	<b>12/4</b>
<b>David Yost</b>	<b>12/6</b>
<b>Ruth Greenly</b>	<b>12/7</b>
<b>Florence Ishler</b>	<b>12/7</b>
<b>Kenneth Snyder</b>	<b>12/7</b>
<b>Robert Derr</b>	<b>12/10</b>
<b>Kim Herr</b>	<b>12/11</b>
<b>Nancy Manning</b>	<b>12/11</b>
<b>Dale Bender</b>	<b>12/12</b>
<b>Grant Wargo</b>	<b>12/13</b>
<b>Mary Leiby</b>	<b>12/16</b>
<b>Penny Ulmer</b>	<b>12/17</b>
<b>Linda Valiquette</b>	<b>12/17</b>
<b>Scott Reed</b>	<b>12/18</b>
<b>Brenda Bartlett</b>	<b>12/19</b>
<b>Kelly Solomon</b>	<b>12/19</b>

Kelli Haupt	12/20
Alyssa Byers	12/21
Janie Bloom	12/22
Blake Wargo	12/22
Zeke Fisher	12/24
Jason Walls	12/25
Jamie Faust	12/27
George Bolich	12/29
Anna Mae Harpster	12/29
Barbara Gray	12/30
Paul Rohland	12/30



## January Anniversaries

Jerrold & Alice Roush	1/4	52 years
Leroy & Bonnie Hauck	1/8	29 years
Dix & Pauline Reitz	1/26	49 years



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Ronald Snyder	1/3
Sydney Blosser	1/5
Julie Cipriani	1/5
Pauline Guffey	1/5
Kelly Schneider	1/5
Izak Trinidad	1/5
Lucille Bruss	1/6
Vanessa Gonzales	1/7
Jack Aunkst	1/8
Edith Coup	1/14
Kristen Bastian	1/15
Eric Fisher	1/17
Aaron Johnson	1/18
Kay Dunn	1/18
Dwayne Mull	1/19
Robert O'Connell	1/20
Thomas Berger	1/21
Peggy Neuhard	1/23
Torrey Drum	1/26
Andrea Engleman	1/28
William Winner, Jr.	1/30

*The Son of God became a man to enable men to become sons of God.*

- C. S. Lewis

*Christmas began in the heart of God. It is complete only when it  
is in the heart of man.*

- Anonymous

## The Best Gift

A king sat on his throne on Christmas Day as many of his subjects presented him with gifts: jewels, gold, artwork, handmade treasures and food galore.

One man stayed back until all the people had given their gifts. Eventually, the king asked if the man had a gift he wished to give. The man said he had only one thing to present. He had nothing of material value, just a heart that was free of malice and full of best wishes for the ruler.

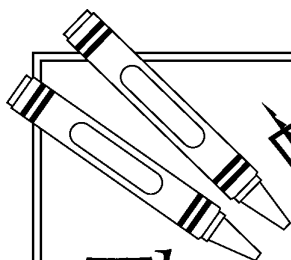
The king told the man he'd brought him the best gift of all: friendship and goodwill. How can you present those to someone this Christmas season?

## True Hospitality

A 7-year old boy was chosen to be the innkeeper in the Christmas program. When Joseph and Mary approached him, looking for shelter in Bethlehem, he simply had to say there was no room.

The kindhearted boy tried to take the sting out of the situation, however. "I don't have room for you in the hotel," he said. "But I'd love to have you come in for milk and cookies."



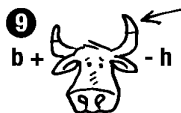
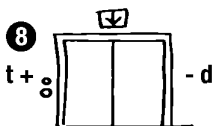
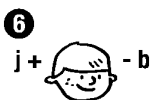
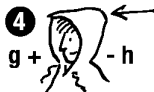
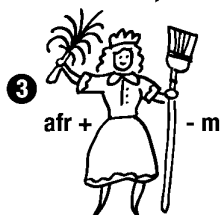


# PUZZLE

## The angel's message

On the first Christmas Eve, shepherds were watching over their flocks when an angel suddenly appeared.

Use the picture clues below to find out what the angels said to the terrified shepherds.



"Do \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_. I bring you \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 5 of great \_\_\_\_\_ 6 that will be for \_\_\_\_\_ 7 the people.

Today in the \_\_\_\_\_ 8 of David a Savior has been \_\_\_\_\_ 9 \_\_\_\_\_

to you; **he is Christ the Lord.**" Luke 2:10-11, NIV

"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to

you; he is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10-11, NIV

Answers: 1. knor-k=no; 2. bee-(1)e=be; 3. afr+maid-m=afraid; 4. g+hood-h=good; 5. newspaper-paper=news; 6. j+boy-b=joy; 7. ball-b=all; 8. t+down-d=town; 9. b+horn-h=born

# NATIVITY SCENE POTS

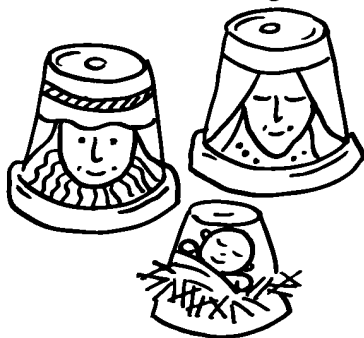
Celebrate the joy of Christmas — and remember Jesus' birth — by making this craft to decorate your home or to give as a gift.

## What you need:

- 3 terra cotta pots (any size)
- Acrylic paints (including one for skin color)
- Paintbrush
- Craft glue (or a glue gun, with an adult to help)
- Brown yarn
- Material swatches
- Straw-colored raffia

## What you do:

1. Decide which pot will be Joseph, Mary and baby Jesus. Turn each pot upside-down and paint a face on each one.
2. Decorate the pots by painting hair and clothes or by using yarn and material as hair and head coverings.
3. For baby Jesus, glue raffia along the bottom to look like straw in a manger.



## Coming up in February...

- 1 Council, 6:30 p.m.
- 6 Confirmation Class, 9 a.m.  
Land & Seasons service, 10:30 a.m.
- 13 Confirmation Class, 9 a.m.  
LOVE Bags Youth event
- 18 Bible Buddies with Youth Lock-In for  
Grades 3-6
- 20 Gerasene Team meeting, 9 a.m.
- 27 Confirmation Class, 9 a.m.



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