
The Parish Voice

Newsletter of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church of Milton, PA

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January, 2009

Merry Christmas!

Dear Friends in Christ,

As you receive this, we will be nearly in the midst of the 12 days of Christmas. In the world, Christmas will end December 25. In the Church, Christmas begins that day. Each day gives us a new chance to celebrate Jesus.

In our Christmas Eve services, Keith and I will be suggesting ways we cannot only continue that celebration, but find specific gifts to lift up on each of the 12 days of Christmas. We'll be proposing that Christmas be experienced as the story that lasts all year - but most particularly from December 25 THROUGH January 5!

I'll let you in on a little Pittsnogle tradition. With our family, it takes all 12 days of Christmas to celebrate! We begin December 25, and throughout the 12 days we journey to as many of our loved ones as possible - and we need the time! Our little 3-foot, artificial "holiday" tree at our home in WV transforms during those 12 days from being a "Thanksgiving/Fall" tree to a Christmas tree. We share lots of love and laughter around that tree - until a new season comes into our family life and we change the tree to a winter, or valentine, or birthday, or new baby tree, or Easter, or whatever kind of season it celebrates, and brings us new laughter and new reasons to give thanks: for each other, yes, but especially for the One who came from heaven to a meager stable and then saved us from the power of Sin and Death.

So...Merry Christmas! - from our home to your home. Some of us have signed our names personally below - and some come from special fonts on the computer - but all the wishes are sincere:

May Jesus bless you again this Christmas - and may that blessing last for an eternity.

"And she gave birth to her first-born son, and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in the manger, because there was no place for them in the inn." -- Luke 2:7



Merry Christmas from the Tharps and the Pittsnogles!

Prayer Concerns . . .



**Remember
in
Prayer**

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

Pastor Gene Alexander; Bob Bailey; Todd Beck, Jr.; Irene Beilger; Pr. Cheryl & Dick Berner; Inez Bingaman; Maxine Bingaman; Lauren Bodek; Rose Bolich; Mark Brouse; Betty Brown; Kathy Burnett; Harley Cameron; Evelyn Campbell; Karen Campbell; Ben Case; Miles Crawford; Mary Cromis; Lisa Day; Rose Deaner; Margaret "Peg" Derr; Ruth DiPaolo; Emily Donovan; Bill Dressler; Peggy Drum; Jane Dulaney; Cy & Christine Eminhizer; Fay Engleman; Pat Evans; Pat Fox; Virginia Frantz; Jeff Frederick; Joyce & Marlin Frederick; Bill & Lois Grant; Florence Greenly; Ed & Sandy Grier; Shirley Gromlich; Kellie Gross; Ida Mae Hartman; Frank & Bessie Hartzel; Deb Harvey; Verna & Syd Heddings; Sam Henney; Mindy Hewitt; Louise & Joe Johnson; Mary & Jim Hollinbaugh; Ben Housner; Florence Ishler; Kristie Ishler; Michelle Ishler; Steve Ishler; Raymond Keefer; David King; Pastor Louise Knotts; Jennifer Koppen & daughters; Camille Kreisher; Sandy Koser; Martha Lilley; Lillian Longenberger; Corey Lose; Jeannie Macamer; Arlene Marason; Gabe Martin; Lois Ann McDonald; Sharon Metzger; Joann Meyer; Audrey Miller; Tim Miller; Larry Mensch; Betty Morgan; Dan Morgan; David Morgan & family; Judy Moyle; Ruthella Nesbitt; Robert Newman; Sue Newton; Hunter Page; Sandy Paul; Rose Pope; Dan Rarig; Jamie Reed; Orvis Rocky; Jim Russell; Mary Lou Sanders; Casey Santi; Judy Schneider; Tammy Schneider; Walter Scholl, Sr.; Jason Smith; Laurie Smith; Paul Smith; Glenn Snyder; Mackenzie Snyder; Nancy Snyder; Tiffany Snyder; Tom Snyder; Arlene Spake; Margaret Stahl; Mary Steele; Kisha Suarez; Mary Sudol; Jim Swift; John Taylor; Ben Trego; Sandy Wagner; Barbara Wareing; Eric Watson, Jr.; Justin Watson; Stewart Watson, Jr.; Lorraine Waugh; Danette

Weikel; Beth Wertz; Robert Yost; Cheryl Yeager; Evan; Pat; Sarah; Sierra; Susan

Homebound & Special Concerns Members...

Phyllis Albertson; Carrie Bastian; Blanche Benfer; Caroline Bobb; Lucille Bruss; Mary Burns; Dr. Ken & Betty Jeanne Callenberger; Edith Coup; Bill & Betty Dotts; Gladys Fisher; Irmgard Gordos; Merritt & Doris Heffelfinger; Margaret & Tommy Kline; Mary Kathryn Leiby; Helen Manning; Catherine Mazeall; Elva Mazeall; Dix & Pauline Reitz; Marguarite Ruth; Connie Sholly; Marie Springer; Leah Walker; Audrey Wands; Kenneth Webb; Nancy Weikel; Jeannine Wilkerson; Josephine Yocum

Military...

Adam Arndt; Todd Beck, Jr.; Jennifer Bower; Amy Brown; Joshua Brown; Shawn Coover; Justin Dorman; Matthew Dorman; Daniel Gonzales; Gabriel Gonzales; Justin Gonzales; Christopher Grimsley; Jason Hutt; Jay Milinichik; Anthony Nudson; Dan Moll; Derek Snyder; Glenn Snyder; Eric Strobeck

More prayers needed...

These are *member families* we have prayed for in Church since last issue: Dale & Patricia Bender; Ryan Francis; Michael & Pamela Roush; Blanche Benfer; Marlin & Joyce Frederick; Shawn Roush; Terry Benfer; Scott, Mary, Alex, & Dylan Freeman; Marguarite Ruth; Carson Berge; Irmgard Gordos; Richard & Judy Schneider

Remember these leaders and congregational families as you offer your prayers this next month.

Thank You's . . .

Thank you for the lovely cards and prayers I received while in Hershey Hospital. I appreciate it very much. May the Lord be with you always.

- Love, Mary Steeley

We thank you for your gift of \$125. Your gifts are greatly appreciated.

- Haven Ministry Board of Directors

Just a note to thank everyone for remembering Ron and me on our birthdays. With Ron away, it has been hard, yet being remembered like everyone did with the card meant a great deal.

- Kathie & Ron Shellhamer
(Missionary Family)

Thank you so much for the grocery cards and help with our rent. It was greatly appreciated.

- The Rosato's

We wish to thank you for your recent donation of \$202.82. Your support of our special ministry means so much to us. It enables us to meet the needs of so many who are asking for our help.

- In Christian love, Linda Rettinger, Golden Rule, LOVE, INC.



Thank You...

- Thank you to **Donna Spear** for her help creating a video of our synod Reformation service on October 26. Her work is currently being edited for inclusion in a synod video being prepared for 2009!

- Thank you to **Ed Coup** for his help recording our Hospitality DVD - and to **Steph Byers** for her help directing our Hospitality DVD for January 11. We'll be sharing lots of fun that will also help us think about how we reach out to others! (And p.s. - **Harold and Stella Webb** are outstanding stars of the show!)
- Thank you to **Ron and Deb Snyder, and son, Bradley**, who have volunteered to serve as our missionary coordinators. They will offer their gifts throughout the year in helping us learn more about our missionary in Liberia, Pastor Ron Shellhamer, and the ways we can support our partnership in ministry.
- Thank you to **Steph Byers** and **Kim Mitch**, for your AWESOME leadership in our Advent pageant this year! Thanks also to **Nancy Walters**, for offering your talents as our pianist, to **Donna Spear**, for your help with the bulletin, to all the adults who assisted in so many ways - leaders and parents alike - and for all the children and youth who gave their best: **Tatum Brittingham, Alyssa Byers, Lauren Byers, Lindsay Byers, Ryan Byers, Linea Brouse, Hope Harrington, Gary Martin, Joseph Martin, Austin Mitch, Brent Mitch, Julia Spear, Rachael Spear**, and **Gavin Walsh**.

God's Blessings...

God's blessings to Lee and Christine Deaner, Ellie, and Katie, as they transfer their church membership to their new home in Nazareth, Pennsylvania (Lee is the son of Terry & Rose Deaner). Katie will be baptized here at Christ Church on January 11, and the family will make St. John's Lutheran Church in Nazareth their faith family. We send them with our love and prayers.

We welcome Debra Ann Snyder by letter of transfer from St. John's United Church of Christ, Shamokin, PA. Deb joined Christ Church on Sunday, December 21. We are blessed, too, that she and Ron, and son, Bradley Farrow, are sharing their gifts as our new missionary coordinators. Welcome, and God's blessings!

We also welcome Sharon Karchner and Julie Cipriano, Sharon's daughter, to membership at Christ Church, on Wednesday, December 17. Sharon and Julie come to us from St. John's Lutheran Church in Pottsgrove. Julie and husband Nick's infant son, Ryder, will be baptized at Christ Church on Sunday, January 4. Welcome, and God's blessings!

NEWS & Notes

Milton American Legion Veterans' Day Program, Milton Rotary Club Family & Community Service Members for November, & Marine Corp Toys for Tots program - Glenn Snyder

Honor Rolls

Baughner Elementary Outstanding Effort - Izak Trinidad, Cody Winner

Milton Middle School Distinguished Honor Roll - Chloe Abell, Ryan Byers

Milton Middle School Honor Roll - Courtney Kovilaritch, Logan Mensch, Blake Wargo, Julia Spear, Ashley Winner, Linea Brouse, Blake Kovilaritch, Camille Kreisher, Ryan Solomon, Grant Wargo

Milton High School Distinguished Honor Roll - Rachael Spear, Morgan Greenly, Alexis Albertson, Lindsay Byers, Brittany Snyder, Rachel Solomon

Milton High School Honor Roll - Lauren Byers, Brody Gray, Trent Wargo

Lewisburg High School Honor Roll - Curt Schneider

MHS Team Cambodia Trip - Kellie Brouse

Visit with Santa - Brent Mitch

Lewisburg/Line Mtn. Wrestling Match - Curt Schneider

Special Appeal Envelopes - Missionary Support

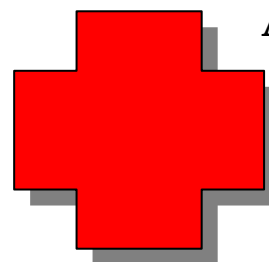
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HandUP Foundation



Food Bank - The Milton Food Bank is collecting *cereal* for the month of *January*. Please place your donations in the grocery cart in the narthex. Thank you.

Don't forget to recycle at HUF! Go Green!



American Red Cross

Sandwich Sale
Thurs., Jan. 15
Order form in narthex.

We Continue To Offer Our Thanks for God's Servants at Christ Church....

In worship on January 11, your Staff Support Team will offer thanks to *Ruth Greenly, our Financial Secretary*. Ruth makes sure our weekly contributions are properly recorded and reported. She provides our



individual reports that tell us how much we have given throughout the year. You'll find her in the office at varying times of the day and evening, faithfully posting to our contributions database on the computer.

Take a look at Ruth's "trivia" posted in the narthex from now through January 11. You'll see her special interests and talents, and perhaps will think of a small way to thank her for her BIG ministry!

On January 25, we will celebrate our *Finance Team*. These folks monitor our financial ministry, keeping tabs on budgets and bank accounts and investments. They work with our treasurer, Dale Kriner, to make sure volunteers are available to help with counting our weekly offering, and to brainstorm ways we can be most faithful at paying for the ministries we share at Christ Church.

Come to worship in January and help celebrate these special folks!

(Stay tuned for more "thanksgivings." In February, we will give thanks for our youth leaders, prayer chain, hospitality, newsletter, and office volunteers. And in March, we'll celebrate Dale's ministry!)

Keep these leaders in your prayers as you offer prayer for others in our congregation each day.

Congregation Council Meeting Highlights - December 2, 2008

- Healing service is on December 21. Christmas Eve service will begin at 7 p.m. with special music. A potluck breakfast at 10 will be held on Christmas Day with quiet communion service following. A lessons and carols service will be held on December 28. January 11 is the Baptism of our Lord service.
- There is a hospitality event scheduled for January 11.
- Bible Buddies monthly event for children 5th grade and younger will meet on January 16.
- Entrance codes for the new security system are still being implemented. The pavilion is also proceeding nicely.
- Susan Albert has joined the staff support committee.
- Council accepted the resignation of Judy Schneider due to health reasons.
- Council accepted Mike Lazor's resignation from council as of May 31, 2009.
- Loose plate offerings for Habitat for Humanity is being replaced by Haven Ministry and Navajo Lutheran Mission.
- Ron and Deb Snyder have agreed to be missionary coordinators for the coming year. They will help our congregation to become aware of the work our missionary does. Our current missionary in Liberia is Ron Shellhamer.
- A leadership retreat will be held on Friday, February 6, from 6-9.

The complete record of the meeting minutes can be viewed on the church website at http://christlutheranmpa.org/minutes_dec2_08.pdf or you may pick up a copy in the church office during normal office hours.

Giving Tree Update

Thank you for your offerings that have helped reduce our operating budget shortfall. Your additional gifts for God's work, as well as your regular offerings throughout the year, are so important to help us do the day-to-day ministry God calls us to do together. They are also one of the many ways Jesus calls us to be faithful to God's kingdom and the sharing of the Good News of Jesus' defeat of death!

Watch for the annual report coming in March that will tell us how we did at the end of the year - and report on all those special ministries!

Fire and Security System Update

Installation of the Building Security System was completed on Saturday, November 29, 2008. **Beginning on Saturday, December 13, 2008, Locked Building access became unavailable by use of a key.** All exterior doors have been re-keyed thus rendering existing keys unusable. You will always be able to gain access during regular church office hours, without an access code, the same as now; however, the Secretary is not working regular hours due to her parents' physical progress, so you may want to call ahead.

Anyone needing to have unrestricted access to the premises is required to attend training on the use of the lock exterior keypad and the interior security system control panel prior to receiving their personal access code. It only takes a few minutes to give you your code and show you how to use the keypads. Training for access via the new system was performed during the first and second weeks of December. Anyone who hasn't received a code or training by now will need to schedule an appointment with Roger Watts prior to gaining building access.

Beginning December 31, 2008, monitoring of the Fire and Security Alarm systems will be activated. From that time forward, the police and/or fire departments WILL respond to all alarm events. These agencies will only accept, "We're Sorry" for our false alarms so often. At some time we may be charged a fee for false alarm responses.

We are still looking for two to four responsible individuals to volunteer for detailed training on the entire system as backup when the primary individuals are unavailable and we have an alarm event.

The Pavilion Project is now complete and ready for use except for sidewalks, parking lot signage, and final landscaping. These unfinished items will not be completed until springtime or whenever the weather allows.

Simply Giving - An Automated Giving Program from Lutheran Brotherhood

Simply Giving is a program that enables congregations to receive member offerings through electronic fund transfers, the same as what many people use to pay their mortgages, insurances, etc.

When you sign up to give your offering in this way, it provides for a consistent flow of funds into our church budget and helps to prevent periods of the year when giving is down such as the summer slump.

Consider some of these benefits you will enjoy by signing up for the Simply Giving program:

- You can sign up for as little or as much as you feel you can afford.
- You determine the frequency of your automatic gift.

- You designate the account your automatic gift is withdrawn from.
- You can increase or decrease your gift amount at any time.
- You no longer have to write checks or search for cash for your weekly envelope.
- Your gift is given even when you are on vacation, working, or ill and cannot attend weekly services.
- Your gift is given consistently so you don't have to play catch up at the end of the year.
- You pay no fees to participate in this program.

To participate in the Simply Giving program you need to complete and sign an authorization form stating how much you would like your gift to be, how often it should be transferred, and when to begin. Upon receipt of the completed form, our Church Treasurer will process it, and your offerings will begin going to the church automatically.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to stop by the table in the narthex on Sunday mornings during the month of January. Brochures and authorization forms will also be available for you to pick up to begin your personal automated giving program.

**Don't Forget to Check Out Pastor Pat's
BLOG on the Church Website this Month!**

What happened with those goats for Jesus?

Wow....just look at what we gave Jesus on Christmas Day: \$308.69 - enough money to buy at least two goats - and maybe more (since at this writing we're still collecting) - for one or two needy families. The animals will help the families feed themselves, raise other animals, and even share with others!

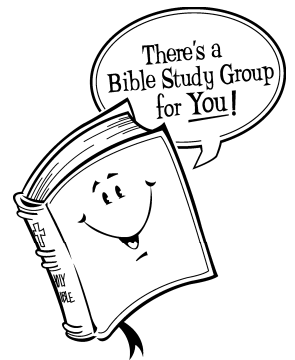
Thank you to all who helped with this special project and offered such a wonderful way to celebrate our Lord's coming among us. Watch for a new Sunday School outreach project coming in 2009.....!

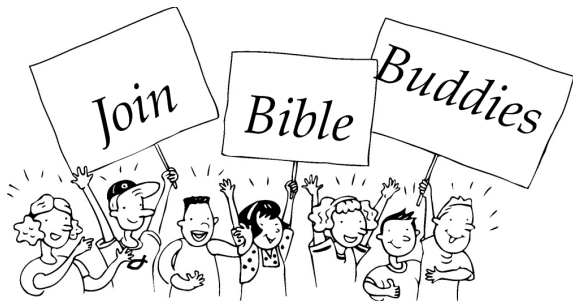
Bible Study Opportunities...

* Thursdays, 2 p.m., in the parlor - This Bible Study will not meet until after New Year's (Jan. 8).

* Sundays (once a month), 7 p.m., in the parlor - currently studying the kings of Israel and Judah - next Sunday Bible Study is January 4, 2009.

* Stay tuned to hear about another Bible Study opportunity for Lent!





...Are you ready for some fun learning???

We have a great opportunity in store for our children at Christ Church! Beginning Friday, January 16, at 5:30 p.m. – we launch “Bible Buddies,” a youth gathering for our children ages 5th grade and younger. And the best thing??? If you’re older and want to help or participate, YOU are invited, too!

We’ll begin at 5:30 with a pizza meal – with veggies and fruits and drinks – then move into a time of discovering a Bible story and enjoying an activity to go along with the story. Donna Spear even promises to come along and teach us some music, too!

For now, we’ll meet from 5:30-7 p.m. At our first meeting, we’ll plan future meetings and activities.

Be sure to sign up at church so we can buy enough food!!!!!!



Don’t forget that your *ANNUAL REPORT* information will be due in the Office by *Friday, January 23, 2009*.

I continue to be extremely grateful for the kindness and consideration you have shown me while my family deals with getting my parents back on their feet, literally. We are seeing progress – praise the Lord!

I hope to be back to regular office hours within the next month. Until then, with the

new security system functioning, if you do not have an access code to gain entry to the building, it might be a good idea to call the office and see if Pastor Pat or myself is there.

I wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year!

- Lorei Comerer, Office Manager

**Don't forget
to sign up at church for the
Hospitality event
on January 11!**

Doesn’t it feel great to walk in the church doors and find a warm welcome and smile awaiting you? Jesus seems so near at those times, and it’s a great gift to pass those gifts on to others, too!

On Sunday, January 11, your Witness Team will offer a presentation and discussion on what it means to be hospitable. We’ll learn the wonderful things we’re doing as well as places we may want to grow. Several of our Witness members are gifted actors and will be showing us a form of their talents via DVD that day. It promises to be both a fun and educational time!

We will be offering a lasagna and salad meal to all who come and join the conversation – and YOU are invited. Bring yourself, your family, your neighbors, and your friends!

So we can prepare enough food, we ask that you sign up at church to attend on January 11. The meal and presentation will be held right after church – so you won’t have to go home and cook, either. Everything’s provided – free of charge. Please come!

2008 Christmas Message from the Presiding Bishop

*When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us."
~ Luke 2:15*

Let's go! Now! When angels came to some shepherds with a brilliant message one night long ago, the shepherds had a brilliant idea. *Let's go! Let's see what God is doing!*

The unknown dangers of the night did not hold them back. Perhaps they knew that some of God's best work is done under the cover of darkness — the creation of all things, wrestling with Jacob, Israel's escape from slavery.

Or maybe they didn't. Maybe all they needed was the announcement of what God was up to this time. This time God would be conducting a rescue like none before — saving the whole world, bringing peace and goodwill. Once again it's an undercover operation — God hidden deep in the flesh and working "under the sign of opposites" (as Martin Luther called it). Arriving as a baby in diapers, God's Son recruited tax collectors and fishermen, social misfits and despised sinners

in a rescue mission that culminated in the hidden power of the cross.

What if the shepherds had yawned, "That's interesting, some other time," and remained sitting in the night, in the dirt, in the comfort of predictable hardships and familiar enemies? Would promised joy have found them anyway?

Let's not test that speculation with our lives. *Let's go! Let's see what God is doing!*

The Rev. Mark S. Hanson
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Leave a Legacy for Ministry and Mission

Encourage philanthropy in your children. Through a Donor Advised Fund at the ELCA Foundation, you can make suggestions, as often as quarterly, of where distributions should be made. Your children can continue making suggestions after you are gone. Donor Advised Funds can become a permanent endowment fund supporting your favorite church charities well beyond your lifetime. Donor Advised Funds: one way for you to provide a living legacy for ministry. For more information call Pr. Greg Kramer at the Lutheran Planned Giving Office at 570-374-2044 or call the ELCA Foundation, 800/638-3522, ext. 2970 or visit our website at www.elca.org/fo.

ELCA Trivia

Did you know...The ELCA Foundation's nationwide network of professional gift planning staff can help you explore a variety of possibilities for making a significant gift to ministry? Call 800-638-3522, ext. 2970, or visit www.elca.org/fo for more information!

Bible Trivia

Shepherds, angels, and stable make up the "birth of Jesus" in which Gospel?

(See answer, page 13)

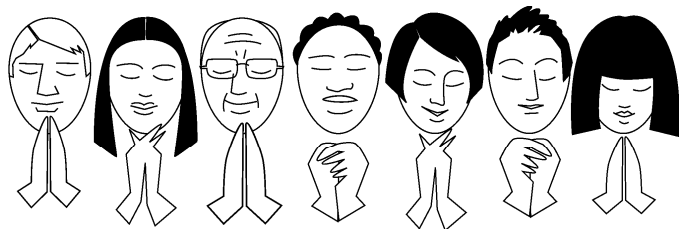
Every Box Checked

Just before graduating from seminary, Dan Bogre received visits by denominational representatives across the country. Each one gave him a list of about 20 types of ministry from which to choose.

Interestingly, Bogre checked every box placed before him. "I thought to myself that I wasn't going to be pigeonholed by a survey form," he said. At the time, Bogre thought he could do any style of ministry.

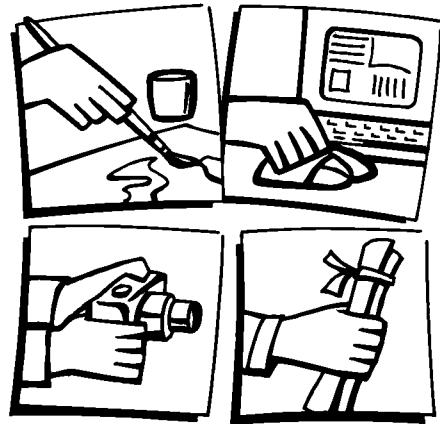
Later, as an ordained pastor, Bogre began to realize that God had a specific ministry for him. However able he was to do several different types of ministry, he began to understand he was best suited for helping a church grow.

How many boxes would you check? How many ways are you willing to try to help your church and community? Sometimes checking a box outside your "comfort zone" can lead to unexpected but rewarding new paths.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 18 - 24



A NEW YEAR

&

NEW OPPORTUNITIES

OUR CHURCH'S

**FINANCIAL
 HEALTH**

Treasurer's Report for November

	Begin. Balances 1/01/08	Receipts thru 11/30/08	Expenses thru 11/30/08	Curr. Balances 11/30/08
Current Expenses	14,103.86	114,478.74	-129,596.21	-1,013.61
Synod Commitment	0	4,548.94	-3,616.35	932.59
Local Benevolences	729.00	8,824.55	-3,006.69	6,546.86
Building Fund	9,884.99	1,386.61	-762.10	10,509.50
Parking Lot Fund	6,000.00	0	-6,000.00	0
TOTALS	30,717.85	129,238.84	-142,981.35	16,975.34
Average Receipts per week				2,385.00
Need per week to meet Budget				2,817.00
Projected Deficit				-28,439.00



Michael Reaser	1/1
Ron Snyder	1/3
Sydney Blosser	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
Nicholas Le	1/10
Edith Coup	1/14
Kristen Bastian	1/15
Fay Engleman	1/16
Eric Fisher	1/17
Kay Dunn	1/18
Aaron Johnson	1/18
James Patterson	1/18
Carol Templin	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
Michael Hulsizer	1/28
Robin Johnson	1/28
Ann Johnson	1/29
Bobby Steeley, Jr.	1/29
William Winner, Jr.	1/30



Jerrold & Alice Roush	1/4	50 years
Leroy & Bonnie Hauck	1/8	27 years
Dix & Pauline Reitz	1/26	47 years

January Worship Participants

Altar Guild: Betty Morgan, Mae Jones, Rachael Spear

<u>Date</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Participants</u>
Jan. 4	Don Fisher, Pete Ishler, Lee Yost, Jack Plotts	A - Joseph Martin L - Ed Coup S - Ed Coup & Heather Martin SS - Roger Watts Prayer Team Minister - Ed Coup
Jan. 11	Ashley & Stacey Winner, Gerald & Ruth Greenly	A - Cody Winner & Ryan Byers C - Lindsay Byers TB - Curt Schneider & Rachael Spear L - Glenn Snyder S - Bebe Bolich & Penny Ulmer SS - Roger Watts Prayer Team Minister - Kellie Brouse
Jan. 18	Barry Yeager, Larry Gray, Harry Berger, Dale Bender	A - Sydney Blosser L - Rose Deaner S - Ed Coup & Rose Deaner SS - Glenn Snyder Prayer Team Minister - Rose Deaner
Jan. 25	John & Trent Wargo, Rose & Terry Deaner	A - Grant Wargo L - Laurie Fisher S - Heather Martin & Brittany Snyder SS - Roger Watts 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:

Altar Guild:	Rose Bolich	568-8433
Ushers, Lectors, Servers & Sound System:	Church Office	742-7473
Acolytes, Crucifers, & Torchbearers:	Kellie Brouse	742-2115

JANUARY 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Happy New Year! Office Closed	2 Office Closed	3 9 am-3 pm - Private Party
4 2 nd Sunday after Christmas 9:00-Sunday School 10:30-Holy Eucharist; Baptism of Ryder Cipriano 7:00-Bible Study	5 6 pm-Social Dance 7 pm-Witness	6 8 am-Sermon Study Group 7 pm-Council	7 4 pm-Quiet Communion 6 pm-Girl Scouts 7:30 pm-Sr. Choir	8 11 am-Pastor leading worship @ Rockwell 2 pm-Bible Study 2 pm-Dance	9	10 8 am-1 pm - Little League Registration
11 Baptism of our Lord 9:00- Sunday School 10:30-Holy Eucharist; Baptism of Katie Deaner; Dedication of new banners in memory of Kermit Benfer; Hospitality presentation with meal	12 Newsletter deadline 6 pm-Social Dance	13 8 am-Sermon Study Group 7 pm-Staff Support 7 pm-Synod Mission Interpreters meeting, Synod Office	14 4 pm-Quiet Communion (Christian Unity) 6 pm-Girl Scouts 7:30 pm-Sr. Choir	15 2 pm-Bible Study 2 pm-Dance 7 pm-Social Ministry	16 5:30-7 pm- Bible Buddies	17 8 am-1 pm - Little League Registration
18 2 nd Sunday after Epiphany 9:00-Sunday School 10:30-Holy Eucharist; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; Camp Mt. Luther Sunday; Home Communion	19 6 pm- Social Dance 6:30 pm-Synod Outreach & Education Steering Team, Synod office	20 8 am-Sermon Study Group	21 4 pm-Quiet Communion 6 pm-Girl Scouts 7:30 pm-Sr. Choir	22 9 am -Newsletter Assembly 2 pm-Bible Study 2 pm-Dance 6 pm-Movie Night @ Trinity	23	24
25 3 rd Sunday after Epiphany 9:00-Sunday School 10:30-Holy Eucharist	26 6 pm-Social Dance 7 pm-Worship & Music	27 8 am-Sermon Study Group 6:30 pm-Finance	28 4 pm-Quiet Communion 6 pm-Girl Scouts 7:30 pm-Sr. Choir	29 2 pm-Bible Study 2 pm-Dance	30	31
Text Key: Bold - Christ Lutheran Events <i>Italics - Pastor Pat's Activities</i> Plain - Community Events						

Coming up in February...mark your calendars!!!

February 6 - Leadership retreat at Christ Church, 6-9 p.m.

February 8 - Youth event - pizza, Love Bags at Children's Hospital and Bowling,
Danville - following worship

February 13-15 - Pastor attending an ELCA Mission Interpreters training event
in Chicago