

# St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

## January 2011



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**Mission Statement:** We are called by God to be the light of the world. We are to go forth and show Jesus' love and forgiveness through loving care for all God's creation.

### Reminder

No Saturday Service on January 1.

### Many Thanks

We would like to thank the people involved with the church Christmas decorating:

Two altar trees plus outdoor trees and boughs donated by Donald & Arlene Hess

Jim Eberhardt for setting up the two altar trees

Mona & Les Heindl for outdoor decorating

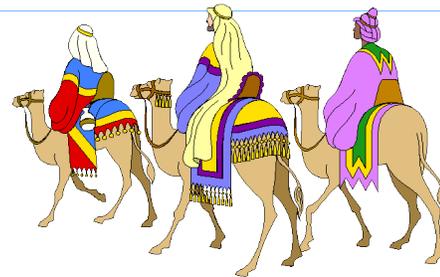
Jon Sandberg for creating the nativity scenes

Interior decorators: Marcia & Ron Doescher, Marion Oleson, Rose & Jerry Schimke, Nathalie Reinke, and Donna & Jerry Strack

### Christmas Families Giving Tree Thank You

The angels of St. John were busy this fall. There are now 12 people warmer and dressed appropriately for the winter season. In addition I am sure their pantries will be bursting. The folks at the Family Resource Center were grateful. May all of you have a warm and Blessed Christmas—Human Care Board.

**P. S.** Thank you to the congregation for all of your support and donations you so willingly gave to the many projects of the Human Care Board.



### Board of Education Thank You

Weekday School Students: A big thank you to all of you for singing beautifully and for sharing the story of God's greatest gift during the Children's Christmas Service.

Parents/Grandparents of Students: Thanks go to you for regularly bringing your child to school on Wednesday evenings (82% of the students have perfect attendance or only one absence) and for bringing them to practice and the Children's Service despite the many, many inches of snowfall.

Adult participants of the service: Thank you to Tina Weber for doing a superb job as narrator; Sandra Sweeny for doing a remarkable job sharing her love of music with the students, helping them to learn the songs, and playing piano during the service; Robyn Plante for her many hours of planning and preparations, Jon Sandberg for creating six remarkable sketches depicting the story the children were telling; Pastor Ader and all the Weekday School teachers and helpers for everything you did to encourage the students and make the service a success.

Members of the Congregation: Thank you for attending and making the day special for the students. To everyone who helped set up and/or clean up - thank you.

## Sunday Adult Bible Class

On Sunday, January 9 we will be showing the video "The Census and the Star: Exploring the Mysteries of Jesus Birth."

Beginning Sunday, January 16 we will be studying the Book of Daniel.

Please join us on Sunday mornings from 8:00-9:00 AM.



## Bible Study On The Book Of Acts

When is the last time you studied the book of Acts OR have you ever studied Acts at all? Consider prayerfully joining us for ACTS, the Spread of the Gospel by John MacArthur.

Doug and Karen Ross will be hosting a Bible Study on the book of Acts beginning Tuesday, February 1 from 7-8 p.m.

ACTS provides the most creative vehicle for communicating the dynamic reasons of the Holy Spirit (The Preachers Commentary).

The purpose of Acts is to link the Gospel of Jesus and the service of the 12 apostles with the missionary work of the apostle Paul.

As you study the book of Acts, consider how the Lord calls every believer to bear witness to the death and resurrection and the salvation in His name.

Please let the office or Ross' know if you would be interested in participating in this study by Sunday, January 16th so materials can be ordered.

Church--715-423-7788  
Doug Ross--715-421-2970

## Thank You

The David Cook family would like to thank St. John's Congregation for all their cards and prayers that helped David through his surgery. It's the greatest help anyone could ever get. Love and caring to you all.

## Notice of Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 20 at 6:30 PM in the church sanctuary. Copies of the annual report will be available in the narthex for review the weekend of January 8 & 9 and January 15 & 16. If you come to the meeting please bring your copy along with you.

## Evangelism

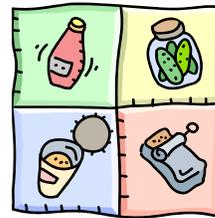
Fear not for behold, I bring you good news of great joy, which shall be to all people. Luke 2:10



Christ, our Savior is born!

Our words of praise and songs of joy  
Can be a welcomed gift  
To those who need encouragement—  
Whose spirits need a lift.

## SWEPS Collection



The Human Care Board is asking for your help in collecting items for the South Wood County Emergency Pantry Shelf. Please bring your non-perishable food and personal items to the collection box in the narthex starting the weekend of

January 22 & 23. Collection will run through February. Thank you!

## Offering Envelopes

If you haven't picked up your 2011 offering envelopes you will find them in your mailbox downstairs. Sometimes all the envelopes don't fit in one box so if there are several members in your household who receive envelopes please check above the mailboxes for these. If you didn't get envelopes last year and would like envelopes for 2011, please call the church office. If you don't want them let us know that as well.

## Pillow Cases Needed

The Quilting Group is asking members of the congregation to bring in pillow cases for us to use to make "pillowcase dresses" to send to Haiti.



This collection will be on going until March. Each pillow case will make a dress to fit girl's size 2-12. These will be sent by Lutheran World Relief.

## Cancellation Notices



In the event that a service would need to be cancelled due to severe weather, cancellation notices will appear on River Cities Community Access (Solarus Channel 3, Charter Channel 96), WAOW Channel 9 Wausau, WFHR AM 1320 and WGNV FM 88.5.

## Anagrams

Interesting results when you rearrange the letters

### ELECTION RESULTS

When you rearrange the letters:  
LIES-LET'S RECOUNT

### SNOOZE ALARMS

When you rearrange the letters:  
ALAS! NO MORE Z'S

### THE MORSE CODE

When you rearrange the letters:  
HERE COME DOTS

### THE EYES

When you rearrange the letters:  
THEY SEE

## Rural Christian Women's Conference



There is still time to register but no walk-ins will be accepted this year. **Deadline is January 14.** The conference will be held at the Middle School in Wautoma on January 22. Cost is \$30. Sign up sheet and flyer with details are on the table in the narthex. Any questions call Darleene Swen.

## Bethesda Thrift Shop

We want to thank all of you for supporting the mission at Bethesda. 2010 was a great year and we pray that 2011 will be even better for us and for all of you. Our mission is to use the profits from the store to enhance the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities through services that share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Our store has one of the best profit margins of all Bethesda Shops due to all the generous help from our volunteers. We welcome more volunteers – get a group of 3-4 ladies and sign up for 1 or 2 four-hour work periods per month (423-2959).

Watch the Sunday bulletins for special sales in January.

We will begin our WINTER HOURS in January:  
10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday; 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday; 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday; closed Sundays.

Wishing all of you a Happy New Year!



## Thank You

*Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow...  
and snow and blow it did on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>!*

*All the cold, the snow and the blowing did not stop people from attending the 2010 Cookie and Candy Walk. This was the 16<sup>th</sup> year that the Cooks, Bakers and Candy makers of St. John helped to turn the church basement in to the best "Cookie and Candy Shoppe" in the area.*

*The Ladies Evening Guild organizes this special holiday, church-wide event, but it could not have taken place without the generosity of the parishioners of St. John. Everyone involved in the project is to be thanked for sharing his or her time and talents. A big sweet "thank you" to the Ladies Aid members for producing hundreds of cut-out cookies! A special thank you to the Ladies Evening Guild "auxiliary" for their help in setting up and taking down of the tables, the signage board and their help in Friday evening's preparations. We understand that some of the "auxiliary" got to mix and bake cookies too!*

*Taylor Funeral Home, Ritchay Funeral Home and Higgins Funeral Home donated the print advertising. Country Tots Child Care Center and WoodTrust Bank donated the marquee advertising. These businesses are thanked for their generosity to the community.*

*Each family having children participating in the Children's Program on Sunday evening were given a plate of cookies as a "thank you" from the congregation. The Christmas Carolers will also give a plate of cookies to the shut-ins on Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Congregation members are invited to go caroling with the choir.*

*Giving and sharing is in the hearts of St. John members throughout the year, and the spirit of Christmas is reflected even brighter during this holy holiday season.*

*The profits from the "Christmas Cookie and Candy Walk" will be used for several church projects.*

*Thank you again, and pray that you have a Christ-centered Christmas!*

*P.S.*

*The "Cookie and Candy Shoppe"  
is planning on re-opening for the 17<sup>th</sup> season on  
Saturday, December, 10, 2011*