



From the Desk of the Pastor

Happy New Year!

Many of us take time around the beginning of a new year to reflect on the past year and its accomplishments and disappointments and to speculate on what our goals might be for the coming year. Most of us can come up with very worthy goals – many of which you can list in your mind right now. But how many of us have an earnest desire to live this new year with the goal of serving?

Serving is something we fit into our schedules if we have the time. Serving is an obligation we fulfill as part of a family, a community, or a job. Serving is not usually what we live to do. It's not what we consider our purpose in life.

As people of God, we are encouraged to “*fix our eyes on Jesus*” (Heb. 12:2) Paul writes in Philippians, “*Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus*” (Phil. 2:5). What is that attitude? When we fix our eyes on Jesus, what do we see?

We see the Suffering Servant about whom Isaiah wrote: “*He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, he was pierced for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities and by his wounds we are healed*” (Is. 53:4-5). We see the Son of Man who, in his own words, “*did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many*” (Matt. 20:28).

This is the Son who lived a childhood of obedience to His Father and to the earthly parents who were chosen for him. This is the Son of Man who preached and taught, who healed the sick, confronted the wicked, and comforted the hurting. This is the Son of Man who showed us what serving is all about and who has directed us to “*deny ourselves and take up our cross and follow Him*” (Matt. 16:24).

What would happen if every Christian made serving a priority, rather than an obligation? How might the kingdom of God grow and be strengthened if we truly have the same attitude as that of Christ Jesus? What might God accomplish through the people of Covenant in 2012? The members of Covenant are invited to a Planning Session to be held on Thursday, January 26, at 7:00 p.m. The Mission and Ministry Council will be present at this Session and together we will discuss and develop our GOALS for 2012. Your input and ideas are important. We will be working to develop goals under each of the five parts of our vision statement: Worship, Word of God, Prayer, Fellowship, and Service. Start getting your ideas together and join us on January 26.

Saved to Serve,

Pastor Steve Voigt

PARISH LIFE

CALLED TO HER HEAVENLY HOME

Edna Himes

July 30, 1926 - Dec. 14, 2011

ALTAR GUILD

Shirley Parmelee (L)
Georgia Cucinello
Carrie Fuchsberger

Lynda Kopp
Betty Rasmussen
Evelyn Wagner

OFFICIAL ACTS

Adult Confirmation

December 11

Joseph Randazzo

Transfer-Out

Yung-E Matz and baptized children; Ashley, Kyle, and Jordy, 380 Sheffield Dr., Brookfield, WI to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Wauwatosa, WI.

USHERS

9:00

Keith Rosynek, Capt.
Bryan Meyer
Dale Meyer
Leann Meyer
Marcia Rosynek
Michael Weiss
Tim Wrangell

10:30

Gordon Geil, Capt.
Everett Dassow
Dan Gottsacker
Derrick Iverson
Justin Kerby
Bob Schultz
Andrew Voigt
Rick Winn

SPECIAL GIFTS & MEMORIALS

Birthday.....	\$116.00
Capital Improvement	\$500.00
Catch-Up.....	\$1,870.00
Christmas Outreach.....	\$87.00
Food Pantry.....	\$265.00
Generator Fund.....	\$5,000.00
Roof Fund	\$2,095.00



GREETERS

January 1

9:00 am - Phil & Traci Murphy
10:30 am - Richard & Diana Lafford family

January 8

9:00 am - Carl & Elaine Burgess
10:30 am - Tamiko & Kenyata Lindsey

January 15

9:00 am - Carl & Loretta Centgraf
10:30 am - Alex & Alyssa Gottsacker family

January 22

9:00 am - Don & Diana Gutknecht
10:30 am - George & Ruth Hessenthaler

January 29

9:00 am - Chuck & Marge Krause
10:30 am - Theresa Handlos and Meta Harrington

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS: THANK YOU!

With 106 excited children having attended this year's celebration, I must offer a huge thank-you to everyone involved in making this event possible. First, to all those who supported it financially and with prayer, thank you! Next, a giant shout out to the more than 30 volunteers who spent 3+ hours helping at the party on December 22. Without you, this outreach event would not be possible. Finally, all glory to God for bringing these families into our midst so that we might share the Good News of the birth of Jesus, our Savior!



CHURCH INFO & STAFF

CHURCH OFFICE PHONE: 414-464-2410

WEB SITE: covenantlutheran.net

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OFFICE HOURS: Mon. - Fri.; 8 am - 3 pm

(Open half days on Fridays -
June, July & August)

PASTOR: Steven Voigt

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES:

Sherry Voigt

CHURCH SECRETARY:

Christy Irvine-Bachmann

FACILITY MANAGER: Keith Rosynek

EARLY CHILDHOOD INFO

EARLY CHILDHOOD PHONE: 414-438-9712

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EARLY CHILDHOOD HOURS:

Mon. - Fri.; 6 am - 6 pm

Director: Marcia Rosynek

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday - 9 am & 10:30 am

Monday - 6:30 pm

Family Education Hour:

Sunday - 9:30 am (September - May)

Communion Service:

1st & 3rd Sunday - 9 am

2nd & 4th Sunday - 10:30 am

last Monday - 6:30 pm

BIRTHDAYS

January 1

Dennis Eiff

January 2

John Engmann
Frederick Klett, IV
Miles Menos
Jon Post

January 3

Brayden Davis

January 4

Paul Beiderwieden

January 5

Bud Bolling
Keith Rosynek

January 6

Jane Buck

January 7

Augie Hottinger
Eloise Humphrey
Leon Kramer

January 8

Peyton Tingle

January 10

Sue Beckman
Patricia Bowen
Leah Ihlenfeld
Heidi Tinque

January 13

Alaina Subotnik

January 14

Linda Post

January 15

Ken Post

January 17

Elsie Szalai

January 18

Joel Albright
Rebecca Roller
Arnold Zahn

January 22

Barbara Miller

January 24

Sue Dettmann
Anthony Lair
Tyler Schroeder

January 25

Bob Zeman

January 26

Bernice Holling
Ken Rasch

Erna Roenspies

January 27

Bill Peter
Marilyn Rades



ANNIVERSARY

January 15

Marty & Cheryl Larsen

If your birthday or anniversary was omitted, please call the Church Office (414-464-2410)

One Traditional Worship Service on
January 29, at 10:00 am
Breakfast at 8:30 am

JANUARY 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8:00 am Bible Study 9:00 am Worship/Com 9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship 10:30 am 8th Conf. Naming of Our Lord	2 6:30 pm NO WORSHIP & OFFICE CLOSED	3 6:30 pm Healthy Heart	4 2:45 pm NW Chapel 3:30 pm Jr. Conf. 7:30 pm Dartball	5 10:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Support Group	6	7 10:00 am Gym Ministry
8 8:00 am Bible Study 9:00 am Worship 9:00 am 8th Conf. 9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship/Com Epiphany of Our Lord	9 6:30 pm Worship 6:30 pm Prayer Team	10 6:30 pm Healthy Heart	11 2:45 pm NW Chapel 3:30 pm Jr. Conf. 7:30 pm Dartball	12 10:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Mission & Ministry 6:45 pm Women's Bible	13 Newsletter Deadline	14 10:00 am Gym Ministry
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22 8:00 am Bible Study 9:00 am Worship 9:00 am 8th Conf. 9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship/Com 3rd after Epiphany	23 6:30 pm Worship 6:30 pm Prayer Team	24 6:30 pm Healthy Heart	25 2:45 pm NW Chapel 3:30 pm Jr. Conf. 7:30 pm Dartball	26 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Goal Planning Mtg. 7:00 pm WIT Women in Transition	27	28 10:00 am Gym Ministry
29 8:00 am Bible Study 8:30 am Breakfast 10:00 am Worship 4th after Epiphany	30 6:30 pm Worship/Com 6:30 pm Prayer Team	31 6:30 pm Healthy Heart				



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Have you made any new plans for your life in 2012? Set any new goals? How about plans for your child? The New Year is a great time to talk to them about making improvements in their daily routine. A child by age 3 years and up, should be able to turn off their own alarm clock, start getting themselves dressed, and ready to start their day. Patience on the part of the adult in their life plays a big part. If you aren't a "morning person", help your child pick out their clothes at night before they go to bed. This means you won't have to be bothered with doing that in the morning. Also, set limits. No television until they are dressed. And then

stick to that. A change like this can take up to six weeks before it feels like part of your routine. It really isn't as tough as it may seem. It's much easier than breaking a child of bad habits at five or six years old. Good luck!

CHRISTMAS THANKS!

The daycare staff would like to thank you for the generous gifts and cards that we received at Christmas time. Your kindness was appreciated.



...DID YOU KNOW??

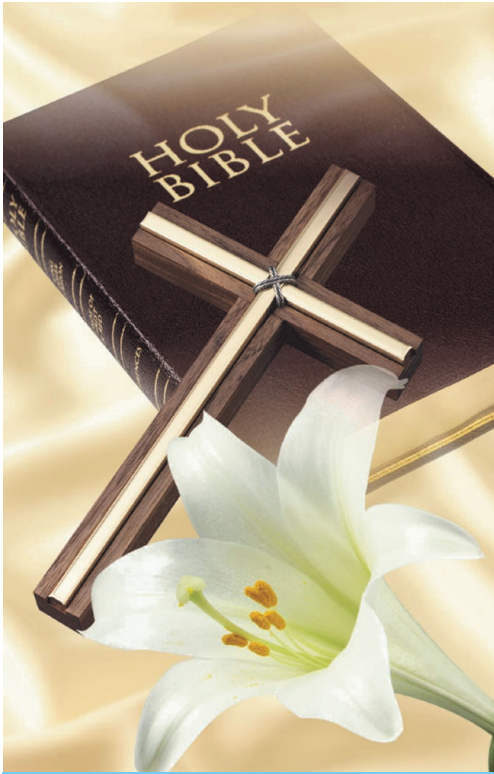
The Rev. Dr. Ron Meyer has joined the LUMIN Board offering his leadership and wisdom to this ministry.



The Christmas program held on Wednesday, December 21, in the school gym was standing room only! It was awesome to see the great turn-out of families hear the true meaning of Christmas!

Starting in January, students will spend their gym classes roller skating in the gym through the use of an organization titled "Skatetime". Skates are brought to Northwest in various sizes so that everyone gets to skate! The program lasts two weeks and the kids love it!





JANUARY

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| 1. Luke 1:68-79
Mark 2 | 12. Psalm 40
Mark 13 | 23. Palm 51
Genesis 25-27 |
| 2. Psalm 30
Mark 3 | 13. Psalm 41
Mark 14 | 24. Palm 52
Genesis 28-30 |
| 3. Psalm 31
Mark 4 | 14. Psalm 42
Mark 15-16 | 25. Psalm 53
Genesis 31-33 |
| 4. Palm 32
Mark 5 | 15. Psalm 43
Genesis 1-3 | 26. Psalm 54
Genesis 34-36 |
| 5. Psalm 33
Mark 6 | 16. Psalm 44
Genesis 4-6 | 27. Psalm 55
Genesis 37-39 |
| 6. Psalm 34
Mark 7 | 17. Psalm 45
Genesis 7-9 | 28. Psalm 56
Genesis 40-42 |
| 7. Psalm 35
Mark 8 | 18. Psalm 46
Genesis 10-12 | 29. Psalm 57
Genesis 43-45 |
| 8. Psalm 36
Mark 9 | 19. Psalm 47
Genesis 13-15 | 30. Psalm 58
Genesis 46-48 |
| 9. Psalm 37
Mark 10 | 20. Psalm 48
Genesis 16-18 | 31. Luke 1:68-79
Genesis 49-50 |
| 10. Psalm 38
Mark 11 | 21. Psalm 49
Genesis 19-21 | |
| 11. Psalm 39
Mark 12 | 22. Psalm 50
Genesis 22-24 | |

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