



The SteepleView

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF NORTH CAPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 2011

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Important Dates

- December 1** Council Reports Due
- December 2** Senior Breakfast
- December 4** Shoebox Assembly
- December 4** New Member Class
- December 7** Senior Christmas Luncheon
- December 8** Council Meeting
- December 11** Upper Grade Christmas Program
- December 17** Shoebox Delivery
- December 18** Lower Grade Christmas Program
- December 21** Amazing Grays @ Raymond Community Church
- December 24** Christmas Eve Worship—3,5,7
- December 25** Christmas Day Worship—9:30

Worship Schedule

- 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM** Worship
- 9:15 AM** Christian Education Hour
- 9:00 AM & 11:30 AM** Refreshments/Coffee Hour
- Child Care Available during worship (up to age 5).*
- Summer Schedule 8:00 & 9:30 Memorial Day weekend thru Labor Day weekend. No Sunday School during summer months.**

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Weekly Articles due Wed noon of that week

The SteepleView Articles

DUE THE 15TH OF EACH MONTH

SEASON OF GIVING

See inside for opportunities to help make the holidays brighter for those less fortunate than us.

Shoebox Ministry



Giving Tree

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

Upper Grades—December 11
 Lower Grades—December 18
 During 10:30 Worship

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Christmas Eve

Candlelight Services

- 3:00 pm
- 5:00 pm
- 7:00 pm

Christmas Day

One service only at
 9:30 am w/Holy
 Communion



Staff and Council Directory

Staff

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Custodian	June Decker	
Nursery Staff	Sue Halsey	

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President	John Hagen	835-1137
Vice President	Keith Jacobson	835-2579
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Treasurer	Lee Toll	835-1293

Ministry Liaisons

Worship & Music	Stephanie Sorenson	835-4446
Education/Youth & Family	Wendy Hebron	835-2174
Shepherding	John Stalbaum	895-2457
Property	Wayne Friend	878-1851
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Long Range Planning	Nancy Rasmussen	878-2581
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	Les Gumieny	414-588-6871
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	June Decker	835-1417
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	Dave Flannery	886-8716
	Marian Esch	835-2115
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	Arnie Christiansen	878-4831

December Lessons

December 4 – Second Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8

December 11 – Third Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Psalm 126
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28



December 18 - Fourth Sunday in Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Luke 1:46b-55
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

December 24 – Christmas Eve

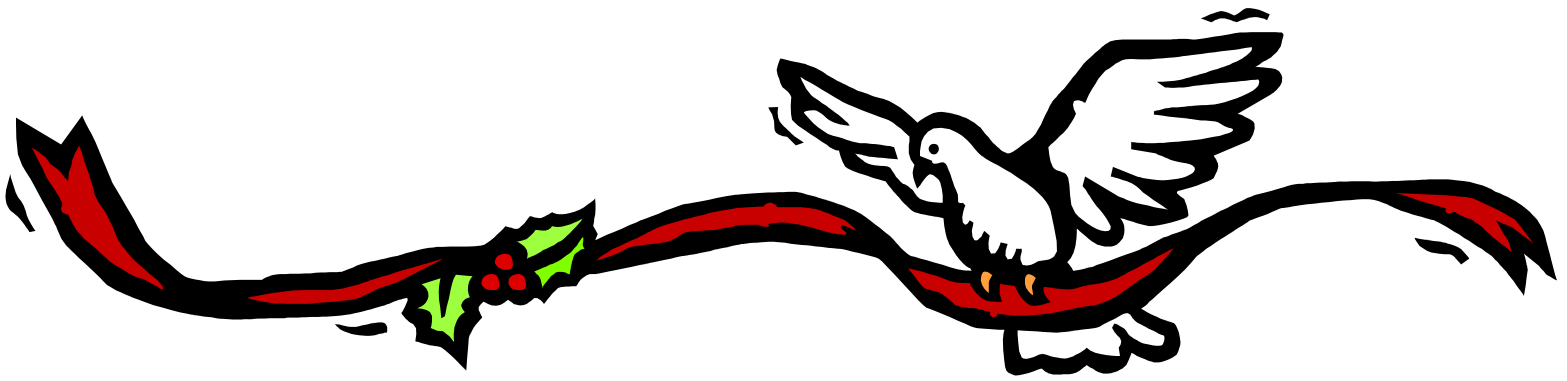
Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalm 96
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-20

December 25 – Christmas Day

Isaiah 52:7-10
Psalm 98
Hebrews 1:1-12
John 1:1-14

Stay Connected on Facebook

North Cape now has a Facebook page. To become a friend, send a request to nclc@wi.net.



Christmas 2011

*In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them.....
(Luke 2:8-9)*

We make lists, we wrap presents, we buy groceries, we negotiate family traditions, and we juggle our schedules to get together to celebrate the season of Christmas.

December is a month filled with frantic activity and tedious preparations for many families.

And yet, on that first Christmas, most people were just going about their daily routines. The shepherds were merely standing out in the field, watching their sheep, like any other time. And suddenly, the angel of the Lord stood before them.

That's what Christmas is all about. God breaking into our world, revealing his glory with unexpected grace.

The staff at North Cape Lutheran Church is so blessed to be called to ministry in a place filled with faithful, loving people.

We pray that in the midst of all the busy-ness of the holiday season, you experience a moment of stillness, when you least expect it, and God breaks through to reveal amazing love.

That is what Christmas is all about. God becoming flesh. And breaking into our world.

May God bless you this Christmas and lead you into a new year filled with abundant grace.

Your church staff,
Rev. Brad Brown, Pastor
Kim Schwartz, Director of Youth and Family Ministry
Janey Reed, Secretary

Family & Youth Happenings

"TRAIN CHILDREN IN THE RIGHT WAY, AND WHEN OLD, THEY WILL NOT STRAY." PROVERBS 22:6

Something to "chew" on...

Matthew 6:25-34 "Do Not Worry"

If you are anything like me you might get a little anxiety with the coming of a new year, and the changes that the future may hold. You may be looking back on what you have/have not accomplished. Thinking of the shoulda, coulda, and woulda's of the year.

I already know of the things that I want to improve, but there comes a point where I feel that the list I make each year becomes a crumpled ball of paper that sits in the back of my mind and I accomplish nothing. While the worries of everyday life are still present, and seem to be the obstacle I have in completing my goals for the year.

In Matthew, Jesus is speaking to each and every one of us. We are to not worry about our needs but have faith in God that he will provide for us, just as he does for the birds of the air. Sure, it's difficult to eliminate worry completely. So I ask you, what makes you worry? How can you reduce worry? How do Jesus' words help?

This Christmas season, don't worry and know that God will provide for you and your family.

All you need is a little faith.

Blessings, Kim

Director of Youth & Family Ministries

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Mission Statement:

To **BUILD** personal faith and responsibility

To **GROW** our experience of community and commitment

To **EQUIP** families and youth in mission and ministry of J.C.

**Need financial assistance for an event? Contact Kim. Financial aid is available for all youth events, thanks to the generous contributions from the congregation.*

Parent & Caring Adult Area!

"You're NOT doing Youth Ministry,
until the Youth are DOING the Ministry!"

Table Prayer

When I get up, I'm thankful for a brand-new day. When I get dressed, I'm thankful I can run and play. When I sit down to eat, I'm thankful for my food. And most of all, I'm thankful for a God who is so good. **Amen.**

Caring Conversation Starters...

Why did God give us the Bible?

What is faith, and where does it come from?

What would you like me to pray with you about?

Sunday School Christmas Programs

Sunday Dec. 11th –Upper grades (3rd-6th grade)

Sunday Dec. 18th– Lower grades (4yr-2nd grade)

Both programs will be held during the 10:30 am service. Please invite family and friends to enjoy the program.

C.E.F.Y. Team Wants YOU!

The *Christian Education Family and Youth* team are looking for more volunteers to join us! We gather the *Third Thursday* of the month from 6-7:30pm to discuss events, Sunday school, and are a support team for the Director of Youth and Family Ministry. Come and share your spiritual gifts no matter what they may be. We are looking for behind the scenes and hands on people!! *Our next meeting Thursday January 19th in the church library!*



Jr. High Retreat "Let There Be Light"

at Lutherdale Bible camp.

Front row: Alannah Lofquist, Sam Boettcher, Jack Betthausen, Alice Jurasovich, DeAnn Jones; Back row: Kim Schwartz, Noah Lorey, Michael Buol, Doug Lorey

Family & Youth Happenings cont...

Service

Shoebox Ministry

Sunday December 4-Assembly @ 11:30am

Saturday December 17- Delivery @ 9:30am

It's time for us to work together and help put gifts under the tree for the families of the Lazarus House community! Please see the shoebox ministry article insert for a list of stuffers and how you can participate! This is a GREAT family ministry!

Come Join Us!

3rd Annual Meat Raffle & Ice Fishing Jamboree

Saturday January 14th @ A.J's Bar & Grill

(Boxhorn Dr. off of Hwy 00 in Muskego). If you do not ice fish, there is still plenty to do!

Enjoy the warm atmosphere, order yummy food from their full menu, watch the NFL playoffs, and partake in multiple raffles! A detailed flyer is included in the following pages.

All of the proceeds benefit the 2012 Mission Trip

Fellowship

B.A.S.I.C. Christmas Party

Sunday December 18th 11:30am-2pm

Who: Grades 7-12

Cost: \$5 for lunch

Bring: White elephant gift

(it is something used, not bought...a re-gift)

We will enjoy games, a Christmas movie, crafts, and a white elephant exchange. Friends are welcome!! Please sign up so we have enough food for lunch!

***All Sign Ups on the Youth & Family Boards, located across from the church office.**

Calendar of Events

Dec 4- Shoebox Assembly

Dec 11- Upper Grades Christmas Program
Mission Trip Meeting @ 11:30am

Dec 17-Shoebox Delivery @ 9:30am

Dec 18- Lower Grades Christmas Program
B.A.S.I.C Christmas Party

Dec 25-Jan 1-Kim is out of the office

Dec 24-Christmas Eve Worship 3, 5, & 7pm

Dec 25- Merry Christmas!

No Sunday School

Jan 1- Happy New Year!

No Sunday School

Upcoming Dates:

Jan 8-Mission Trip Meeting

Jan 14-Ice Fishing Jamboree & Meat Raffles

Jan 29-Annual Meeting

***Parental/Adult help is needed at ALL Events & Friends are always WELCOME!**

Discipleship

2011 Sr. High Mission Trip Meeting

When: Sunday December 11th 11:30-1pm

Sunday January 8th 11:30-1pm

Where: Parsonage

Bring: raffle items, & door prizes*

All participants must be in attendance*

Student Leadership Team

This is an ongoing group consisting of students who are in 8th grade through 12th grade. The group will gather once a month to participate in planning of events, Bible study, and leadership training. *A our next group gathering and discipleship training will be January 29th 10am-2pm.*

Happy Birthday to Our Members Born in December

Carl Barwick Dec 1
Tia Kastenson Dec 1
Mark Kowalski Dec 1
*Gene Wendland Dec 1
Lori Kasprowicz Dec 5
Noah Lorey Dec 5
Dustin Doberstein Dec 6
Kevin Greenthal Dec 6
Kyle Koerber Dec 6
Dave Lecus Dec 8
Cindy Decker Dec 8
Doug Harcus Dec 9
Lauren Warden Dec 10
Rilee Warden Dec 10
Doug Lorey Dec 11
Nancy Rasmussen Dec 12
Alyssa Thillemann Dec 12
Kathy Kaprelian Dec 13
Nancy Rzeplinski Dec 13
Grace Sorenson Dec 13
Caden Lewandowski Dec 14
Chris Poorman Dec 14
Mel Hebron Dec 15
John Poorman Dec 15
Lori Christiansen Dec 16
Chris Cook Dec 16
*EllVerne Pluck Dec 16
Jenny Sack Dec 16
Jennifer Beeman Dec 17
Dennis Boldt Dec 18
Deidra Doberstein Dec 18
David Rules Dec 18
Alyssa Brulz Dec 19

Adam Jasperson Dec 19
Melanie Reichert Dec 19
Jacob Bauer Dec 20
Sam Kurhajec Dec 20
*Helen Henrickson Dec 21
*Martin Hummel Dec 21
Deanna Sadler Dec 21
Taylor Peterson Dec 22
Stephanie Kurt Dec 25
Aurora Bauer Dec 26
Katie Jones Dec 27
Meaghen Lehner Dec 28
Jayden Posvic Dec 28
Kristie Krogman Dec 29
Mary Tilk Dec 29
Mark Wittenberg Dec 29
*Bill Blum Dec 30

***Members who are 70 or over**

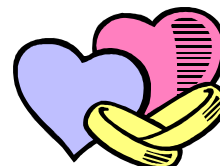


Baptism

Justin Ryan Peet-Clay
was baptized on
November 6, 2011.
Justin's parents are
Jeanelle Peet and Cody Clay and
his sponsors are Susan Rovik and
Chase Krison.



Wedding



CONGRATULATIONS

Teresa Seemann & Luke Klump,
who were married November 11.

Happy December Wedding Anniversary

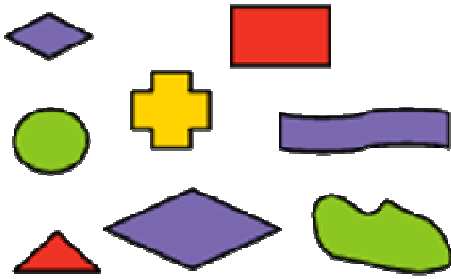
Jason & Melanie
Rasmussen—Dec 23

Chuck & Cheryl
Berry—Dec 29



		Please Remember Our Shut-ins			
Mildred Anderson 15941 Durand Ave 31-B Union Grove WI 53182 262-878-3198	7/31/29	Art Helm Oak Ridge Care Center 1400 – 8th Ave Union Grove WI 53182	4/28/23	Joyce Koenig Mt Carmel Reflections Unit 677 E State St Burlington WI 53105	7/13/26
Hope Barr Tudor Oaks S77W12929 McShane Dr Muskego WI 53150	4/1/22	Evelyn Helm 1707 – 100th St Franksville WI 53126 262-835-2034	9/15/21	Myrtle Narlock 109 – 13th Ave Union Grove WI 53182 262-878-3204	11/8/20
Charles Berry 21224 Olson Rd Franksville WI 53126 262-835-4227	3/29/29	Ivy Jacobson Mt Carmel Medical & Rehab 677 E State St Burlington WI 53105	1/26/19	Evelyn Nelson Stafford Manor 4208 Marquette Dr Racine, WI 53402	1/12/19
				EllVerne Pluck 1305 Willow Rd Sturtevant WI 53177	12/16/27

**NORTH CAPE NEWS—A CARING COMMUNITY
OUR HEARTFELT THANKS**



**Pieces of Grace:
Putting it All
Together**

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank you all for participating in our stewardship season this year. We were so amazed the way all those small fragments of color (buttons, stained glass, plastic, even a Nuk) came together to create such beautiful cross. We hope that the cross hanging in the narthex serves as a constant reminder that each of us, with all of our gifts, has an important part in God's plan for North Cape.

If you have not already returned your Commitment Card, we encourage you to give it prayerful and thoughtful consideration. Making a plan for your giving is a way to dedicate yourself to God's ministry in this place. We know that things might change for you in the future. But that's okay. We only ask that you consider making a plan for how you will use the gifts that God has given you now.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above. James 1:17

Thanks For Fun WELCA Night!

Warm casseroles and homemade desserts were part of the nice meal that welcomed the women. We had a fun time making fall decorations for our shut in's, thanks to June and Jill! We had a short business meeting that voted to put the \$4000.00 profits from the Fish Boil to the Door Drive, also known as West Entry Fund. We thanked Laurel Rybka for the surprise of making new curtains for our fellowship hall. A special treat was to have the Women's Bible Study come as a group to lead us in our devotions.

We had lots of laughs and fun and will plan this again for next Fall.

A Big Thank You Doug Lorey for giving up your weekend to join me and 7 youth at Lutherdale Bible Camp for the Jr. High Retreat. Blessings, Kim

Thank You to Gail Griph and Kim Muszynski for all of your great leadership with the 2011 Mission meals. We can't thank you enough for your leadership and look forward to continue serving alongside of you in 2012.

We Would Like to Thank Debbie Gultch and Bonnie & Bruce Napierkowski for giving your time for 10 weeks as the small group leaders for the Wednesday evening confirmation classes. Blessings, Pastor Brad and Kim

Thank You to WELCA, Barb Welch, Cathy Potts, Chris Luedtke, Ginny Strueder, and the anonymous donors of prizes for Oak Ridge Bingo in November and in the recent past. Your generosity allows us to bring many smiles to Oak Ridge residents. Please continue to place further donations in the Oak Ridge Magazine Box in the hallway. We welcomed Chuck & Shirley Craven to our group this month and would love to welcome you as well. Besides, the Cravens, Marian Esch, Linda & Arnie Waldron, Joe & Ginny Strueder, John & Chris Poorman and Don & Kathie Greer represented NCLC on November 10th at Oak Ridge Care Center. Our next bingo event will be in February. Call or email Kathie Greer, if you are willing to help. Your help is so appreciated!

Enjoying the Camp Dance



Jack
Betthausen,
Kim
Schwartz,
Alannah
Lofquist,
Sam
Boettcher,
Alice
Jurasovich,
DeAnn
Jones,
Noah Lorey.

WHAT WE'RE UP TO AT NORTH CAPE

Amazing Grays Social Club...

Bringing our Seniors together through food and fellowship!



When: Wednesday, December 21, 2011
Time: 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Where: Raymond Community Church - 8217 W. County Hwy. G
Cost: Free-will offering appreciated, but **not required**

Entertainment: The Singing Group "Men In Black" at 11:15, with lunch served at Noon. Hope you can join us!

Sr. Citizen Breakfast -

Friday, December 2, 8:45, Apple Holler. Sign up in the Binder on the Welcome Center



Called to Serve—Small Business Owners

During our services on Sunday December 4, we will be recognizing the contributions of small business owners in our community. These men and women provide valuable goods and services and make our hometowns strong. Join us as we offer a Litany of Thanksgiving and Prayers. This dedication is part of our monthly series recognizing the many ways we serve God and our neighbors through our vocations. Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors to come and share their business card for a display of talents.

Women's Bible Study

Mondays, 7:00 PM.

Altar Guild Chairs:

Laurel Rybka 835-1326,
Jill Peterson 835-2792

Mission Quilters Tuesdays 9:00—Noon.

North Cape Legacy Quilters

1st and 3rd Thursdays, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Yoga with Lynette Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:00 pm



Advent Reflections on Facebook

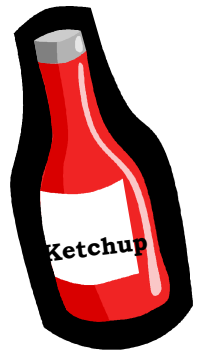
With all the tasks of holiday celebrations--sending cards, buy gifts, baking, hosting parties--we often neglect to set aside time for spiritual reflection on the true purpose of the season.

So, this year, we invite you to join us for Advent reflections and Bible study on our North Cape Lutheran Facebook page. Just find us on Facebook, and join the conversation. And invite your friends to join you, too.



Can you pass the Ketchup? Deficit Reduction at North Cape

As we approach the end of the year, the church council would like your help in catching up on our budget. As of October 31, our general operating expenses have exceeded our income by \$21,841.05. Your prayerful and thoughtful response to our deficit is greatly appreciated. The Stewardship Committee would also be grateful to receive your 2012 Commitment Card if you have not returned it already. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, you may speak with President John Hagen or Pastor Brad Brown.



Roundtable Discussions on Church Budget

As many of you know, the members of North Cape Lutheran Church have approved deficit budgets for the past several years. We face a similar challenge again for 2012. The church council, with the assistance of the finance committee, has been exploring ways to reduce the deficit. Aside from encouraging faithful giving, the council has also been contemplating expense reductions. These, however, would have an impact on staffing and ministry. So, we would like you to join us for one of our upcoming Roundtable Discussions to offer your feedback in advance of the Annual Meeting on January 29th. Your input will be very valuable to the council as we prepare our final budget recommendations. Meetings: December 4, right after 2nd service and December 7 at 7:00 pm.

CHURCH MOUSE CORNER



Whew. I'm so glad you are all helping me out. There are so many people who do so many great things at North Cape, I can't keep up. So, I would really appreciate it if you kept writing those thank you notes when you see someone do a kind deed at the church. The postcards featuring my scorchingly handsome face are located on the Welcome Center on the North Side (by the coffee pot).

Several of you mentioned this month how thankful you were for the amazing cross made by the Stewardship team—Marian Esch, Michelle Hansen, Melanie Rasmussen, Rhonda Smerchek, Kathie Greer, and Pastor Brad (but he just mostly stood around sampling cake pops). Who knew that all those tiny recycled objects could produce something so beautiful. Pastor says it shows us how each of us has something important to give to complete God's plan for North Cape. But I think it should remind us all that even the smallest nibble of cheese will make a small mouse happy. Just saying—there are great sales on cheese and sausage gift packs this time of year. C'mon folks—I live in Wisconsin, and my cousin in Chicago is getting more cheese than me. We can't let that happen, can we?

Marty the Church Mouse

The Giving Tree is on display in the Narthex, filled with ginger children. The children that we are supporting this year are from the Lazarus House neighborhood. We ask



that you choose a ginger child from the tree and take the corresponding envelope number of the child. Also please don't forget to put your name on the sign up sheet next to the same number. Please return your wrapped gift by December 11th. Thank you for making it another special Christmas for these children!

Update on "Phil" The Turkey!



As you can see, Phil is totally dressed out.

The Outreach Team was truly elated to add many colorful feathers to him because of your very charitable response. Needy families were supplied with very generous Thanksgiving Food Baskets, delivered by Pastor Brad. In addition, due to your wonderful generosity, gift cards for grocery stores were purchased from remaining funds and placed in the Good Samaritan Fund to be given out at later time. Thank you all so very much for allowing these families to have a tasty and heartwarming Thanksgiving meal! Your generosity is amazing!

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)

WE WILL PRAY FOR YOU

Would you like to have Pastor Brad visit you in the hospital? If so, please contact the church office. Would you like prayers lifted up on your behalf for any reason? We have a phone prayer chain and an email prayer chain. If you have any prayer concerns please contact the church office: 262-835-2206 or E-mail nclc@wi.net.

Our Prayer List— Charlie Berry, Mildred Anderson, Fischer Hansen, Al Bodven, Nancy Peterson, Patty Brouwers, Lori Kasprovicz, Joann Schmid, Josh Kurth, Krystin Neuens, EllVerne Pluck, Alda Gordon, Karen Gumieny, Cameron Holewinski, Roger Johnson, Jess McCann, Gert Nelson, The Family of Eleanor Ahrndt.

Please Also Pray for Military Members:

AMN Joseph Tanking
7351 E Desert Palm Dr
Tucson AZ 85730
(Birthday - April 16)

AMN Dale Kropidlowski
7927—Unit A
Anderson Circle
Elmendorf AFB
Anchorage AK 99506
(Birthday - April 22)



Senior Christmas Luncheon
Wednesday December 7

Infusino's (Racine)
 Fun and Fellowship
 All are welcome, invite your friends!
 Hear the wonderful Case

Carolers, a group of about 15 in traditional costume from Case High School. Enjoy a family style meal at Infusino's Banquet Hall including salad, breads, mostaccioli, meatballs and sausage. Also baked chicken, Italian potato wedges, green beans and beverage. Save room for the Danish Layer Cake!

Thanks to Lyle and Lois Jaspersen we will again have the beautiful poinsettia door prizes.

Date: Wednesday, December 7
 Arrive 11:00 to 11:15 AM

Where: Infusino's Banquet Hall
 3225 Rapids Dr. Racine

Time: 11:30 AM Case Carolers
 12:00 Noon Lunch

Cost: \$13.50 each
 Checks payable to WELCA

Sign up in the binder on the Welcome Center

Sunday School News

The Christmas programs are December 11th—upper grades (3rd-6th) and December 18th — lower grades (4^{yr}-2nd). Both will be held during the 10:30 service. A large majority of the practices are held during the Sunday school hour, so attendance of all youth is important for proper practice. There will be NO Sunday School on Sundays December 25th and January 1st. We will resume on January 8th with a large group opening, so be sure that your child is wearing his/her Sunday school t-shirts. Merry Christmas from your C.E.F.Y. Team!

We are proud to report that the trip is full with 25 participants! We will be serving in China Grove, NC from June 23-July 1st, 2012. Our fundraising efforts have begun with our annual fill the soda cans, and the new Canes and Cards fundraiser (we will sell until December 18th or are sold out). Look for our full page flyer for the 4th Annual Ice Fishing Jamboree and Meat Raffle event on January 14th. The trippers are working on collecting donations/baskets for this event. We welcome any donations from our members to help support this fundraiser. If you have not yet been able to attend this event, we highly suggest you do. It is a fun afternoon! If you have any questions please contact Kim Schwartz.

Giving is Simple!

North Cape is pleased to offer an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account through this Simply Giving program. Our electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.



Just think--no more check writing, no more envelopes to forget at home. You can determine the frequency, amount, and fund designation of your gift. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your regular offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis. You always have the flexibility to adjust your contribution easily if your needs or opportunities change.

Enrollment brochures are enclosed with the newsletter. Return the form to the church office soon, and you can say goodbye to that box of envelopes in 2012--another way to be a good steward of God's creation.

Severe Weather Reminder

In the event of severe weather, please check with your favorite radio or television station to see if our church is closed for worship or other activities have been cancelled. You may check with:
 Storm center 4—TMJ4 TV Fox 6 Storm Center Weather Watch 12—WISN

Pieces of Grace: Putting it All Together

You see pictured, the wonderful cross that was created from all the small fragments and pieces of red, purple, yellow, and green items that were thoughtfully donated by our congregation. These pieces were then assembled by the stewardship committee. The process of seeing all these bits and scraps coming together to create this beautiful cross was one of the most meaningful experiences I have had the pleasure of being involved in stewardship. I have been asked to reflect on this process.

As we started to look at the collection of items that came in we saw many beads, singular and in whole strands, buttons from different events, a baby's pacifier, pieces of scrap wire, marbles, barrettes, paper clips, antique buttons, very plain buttons, pieces of stained glass, earrings, a disposable plate, a plastic fireman's hat and many more items. None of these items were extremely unique or distinctive on their own merit. In fact, some of the pieces were soiled and needed to be cleaned up before use. We needed to creatively prune other pieces before being suitable to be glued in place. Pieces of wire needed to be coiled. Some people asked, "What could you possibly do with all that junk?!" But, when assembled together, each of these pieces seemed to highlight and increase each other's value. All of these odd and otherwise rather obscure pieces came together on a basic black base to create this beautiful cross – in some people's eyes – a work of art. This experience was amazing! To see all of these dirty and broken pieces come together to form a beautiful cross was truly a spiritual experience. I have been asked if we had an artist in the group. Well, I feel I can answer for the group with an emphatic "no". Some of us may be a little crafty, but certainly not artists. We all pretty much added items to the cross as we liked and felt would be pleasing to the project.



It struck me that this is how God uses all the numerous people with many different talents and gifts in our congregation to do His work. We are all different, unique, often flawed people and sometimes broken people. Many of us don't feel that we have much to offer of value. We feel we aren't good enough. And yet, if we are open to God's call, he takes us from where we are at, dusts us off, cleans us up and uses us for His greater good. When we all work together for God's purpose, we create beautiful works of art to God's glory. Examples in our church include: Sunday worship services, mission meals, annual Fish Boil, WELCA Salad Luncheon, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Sewing & filling of hundreds of Mission school bags, sewing of mission quilts, 4th of July float, feeding the hungry, collections for the needy, Car & Tractor Shows, Mission trips, our sister church in El Salvador, Amazing Grays, Oak Ridge Bingo, Men's Mission, and special music. The list goes on and on. It takes so many different talents to have all these wonderful programs and ministries we have at North Cape Lutheran Church to ultimately spread and glorify God's word.

Think about the gifts God has given you. Can you organize, lead, follow directions, yield a paint brush, have musical talent, lend a hand with building projects, teach, make signs, like to decorate, good with numbers? God doesn't expect us to be perfect. He will take us from the point we are at and use us to spread His word. What about the monetary gifts God has given you? All that we have is a gift from God. He wants us to return only a percentage of what he has graciously given us. A wonderful way to do this is to tithe – giving of our first fruits – returning the first 10% of what he has graciously given us.

If you have not made a financial commitment to the Lord and NCLC yet this year, we ask that you fill out a commitment card and turn it in. You will find blank cards on the Welcome Center and in the pews. Please prayerfully consider how you will offer your time, talents and treasure so that we can continue all of these wonderful missions at North Cape Lutheran Church.

*Thank you for allowing me to share this wonderful experience with you.
Kathie Greer, Stewardship Committee Member*

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—Thursday, October 13, 2011

Pastor's Report

Pastoral Acts: 2 Marriage preparation sessions; 1 Baptism instruction sessions; 6 Shut-in visits; 4 pastoral counseling; 5 Hospital visits; Weddings: Katie Jacobson and Dion Sweeney (9/3/2011), Abby Ernst and Greg Duntz (non-members, co-presided with Rev. Mike Ernst at North Cape, 9/10/2011), Mary Ellen Burke and D.A. Beatty (non-members, former MU student; Fort Belvoir Chapel; Alexandria, VA; 9/17/2011); Memorial Service: Louis Zick; Weekly staff meetings on Wednesdays.

Christian Education – Sunday School on Rally Day (9/11), and presented families with Bibles and Catechisms (9/18). I resumed leadership of a Sunday morning Adult Bible Study on the books of First and Second Samuel. A group of parents began meeting at Tammy's during the education hour for informal fellowship. Kim Schwartz, Bruce Napierkowski, Bonnie Napierkowski, and Debbie Gultch have joined me in leading youth in our weekly Wednesday night confirmation program.

Worship Life - Our worship life was enriched this month with a moving remembrance of the events of September 11, 2001. Throughout the year, we will be focusing on the various ways we can connect our faith to our daily work. On October 9th, we recognized First Responders for the way they live out God's call to serve in times of personal and community tragedy.

Stewardship Committee - met on September 21 and October 5 to plan our fall program. Our theme for this year will be "Pieces of Grace: Putting it All Together." We will focus on how God can use all of our gifts to create an abundant and transformative ministry at North Cape. Each week, we will be collecting different colored fragments of non-porous material. At the end of the season, we will unveil a mosaic made from those pieces. We will be challenging our members to see the greater possibilities God can make possible when we use our gifts in service to the ministry of the Gospel.

Men's Ministry - John Poorman, with assistance from Don Greer and others, hosted an organizational meeting for men's ministry on September 27th at his home. We shared a meal, studied Scripture, and talked about our vision for a revitalized men's ministry. About a dozen guys came, and we plan to continue hosting monthly men's "Grillin' and Chillin'" events at the church parsonage.

Personnel - I met with Kim Schwartz (9/9/2011) and Janey Reed (9/30/2011) for annual staff performance reviews. The personnel committee currently has vacancies that will need to be filled with the assistance of the nominating committee.

Old Business

Rhonda Smerchek expressed appreciation for the kitchen improvements of new sinks and faucets she experienced during Fish Boil clean up.

Wayne Friend reported SMI Southeastern Mechanical has completed all work on the heating system.

New Business

Finance Committee

The committee met on October 4, 2011 to review the purpose and use of designated funds—specifically, the Capital Improvements Fund, the Building Fund and Other Designated Giving. Contributions to the Capital Improvements Fund have been used to pay for any items and services listed under "Operations and Maintenance" in the General Budget of the church. Building Fund has always been described as a savings account for future new facilities.

A motion was made by Nancy Rasmussen, seconded by Kathie Greer, to rename "Building Fund" to "Future Expansion" and "Capital Improvements" to "Operations and Maintenance" effective January 1, 2012, with efforts made to educate the congregation. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Rhonda Smerchek, seconded by Kathie Greer, to approve any gift designated for a mission gift that was already named in the General Budget (i.e. Union Grove Foodbank), the designated gift would be used to offset the contribution from the General Fund to that organization. Motion carried.

From the Treasurer.....

Trying to "balance the books" this year has been a challenge. Most every month I see the same situation with our financials. There are almost always more expenses than income. The monthly treasurer report would be nearly identical each month, maybe changing it slightly with different wording, just saying the same thing. I keep hoping that maybe I could write an upbeat article.

We sold the church car in March and put the money in the bank. As you can see below, we are drawing out of our savings most months in order to pay bills and payroll.

I have attached a brief summary of the financials as of October 31, 2011.

May God Bless,

Lee Marie Toll

	Oct 2011	Oct 2010		YTD	YTD
INCOME	5 Sundays	5 Sundays	Change	Actual	Budget
Contributions	20,206.53	22,495.79	(2,289.26)	196,295.71	205,608.38
Other Income	234.77	(786.58)	1,021.35	1,771.72	1,604.18
Total income	20,441.30	21,709.21	(1,267.91)	198,067.43	207,212.56
EXPENSES					
Mission	1,769.16	1,687.49	81.67	19,047.41	19,291.72
Ministry	9,571.38	9,034.57	536.81	100,444.57	105,444.92
Administration	5,543.11	6,218.68	(675.57)	61,284.93	63,941.82
Youth Support	-	-	-	3,222.00	2,666.68
Program Support	451.23	1,005.12	(553.89)	7,792.63	10,985.96
Operation & Maintenance	4,882.11	1,800.15	3,081.96	27,830.08	23,160.92
Other	-	-	-	416.19	579.18
Reserves	-	-	-	-	625.02
Total Expenses	22,216.99	19,746.01	2,470.98	220,037.81	226,696.22
Net Income (Loss)	(1,775.69)	1,963.20	(3,738.89)	(21,970.38)	(19,483.66)

December 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>4 2nd Sunday Advent Recognition Small Business Owners 8:00 & 10:30 Worship w/Communion 9:15 Christian Education 9:15 New Member Class 11:30 & 7:00 Budget Roundtable Shoebox Assembly</p>	<p>5 7:00 Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>6 9:00 Mission Quilters 7:00 Yoga</p>	<p>7 Noon Bulletin & Wed. e-mail info due 11:00 Senior Christmas Luncheon @ Infusino's</p>	<p>1 Council Reports Due</p>	<p>2 8:45 Sr. Breakfast OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>11 3rd Sunday Advent New Member Reception 8:00 & 10:30 Worship w/Uplift @ 10:30 9:15 Christian Education 9:15 New Member Class 10:30 Upper Grade Christmas Program 11:30 Mission Trip Meeting</p>	<p>12 7:00 Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>13 9:00 Mission Quilters 7:00 Yoga</p>	<p>14 Noon Bulletin & Wed. e-mail info due</p>	<p>15 6—9 Legacy Quilters</p>	<p>16 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>17 9:30 Shoebox Delivery</p>
<p>18 4th Sunday Advent 8:00 & 10:30 Worship w/Communion 9:15 Christian Education 10:30 Lower Grade Christmas Program BASIC Christmas Party</p>	<p>19 7:00 Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>20 9:00 Mission Quilters 7:00 Yoga</p>	<p>21 Noon Bulletin & Wed. e-mail info due 11:00 Amazing Grays @ Raymond Community Church</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>24 3:00, 5:00, 7:00 Christmas Eve Worship</p>
<p>25 Christmas Day 9:30 Worship w/Communion No Sunday School</p>	<p>26 7:00 Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>27 9:00 Mission Quilters 7:00 Yoga</p>	<p>28 Noon Bulletin & Wed. e-mail info due</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>31</p>

DEC. VOLUNTEERS	SUNDAY DECEMBER 4	SUNDAY DECEMBER 11	SUNDAY DECEMBER 18
Greeters: 8:00 10:30	Lori & Dennis Kasprowic Donna Polston	Dave & Vicki Flannery John & Marsha Hagen	Mary Rusch & Fred Richter Diane Welch
Ushers: 8:00 10:30	Don & Kathie Greer Colin & Deanna Sadler	Jerry & Char Benzel Randy & Matt Rehberg	Roy & Bev Gawlitta Youth
Acolytes: 8:00 10:30	Meghan Timler Noah Lorey	Michael Buol Lauren Warden	Hannah Muszynski DeAnn Jones
Readers: 8:00 10:30	Art Potts Miriam Dziekan	Tom Johnson Don Holm	Pam Rehberg Tom Hansen
Communion Prep: 8:00 10:30	Wally & Jackie Becker Donna Polston	<i>No Communion</i> <i>No Communion</i>	Laurel Rybka Laurel Rybka
Communion Assistants: 8:00 10:30	Bill Blum Jill Peterson	<i>No Communion</i> <i>No Communion</i>	Kay Lecus Bob Christensen
Sound & Video Ministry: 8:00 10:30	Wayne Rasmussen Dale Mosher	Paul Kaprelian Yvonne Lauer	Roy Gawlitta Brian Lauer
Treats: 8:00 10:30	Kody Kortendick Wendy Hebron	Darlene Koerber Sue Juzenas	Jody Koerber Choir Members
	SATURDAY DEC. 24 3:00, 5:00, 7:00	SUNDAY DECEMBER 25 9:30	Counters: Ann Jurasovich & Laurel Rybka Altar Guild: Jill Peterson
Greeters:	3:00 5:00 Rick & Diane Bisci; 7:00 Barb Welch	Barb Welch	Team Captains
Ushers:	3:00 Jeff & Sue Klaus, Jessica Ward; 5:00 Hebron Family, Ron Welch 7:00 Jasperson Family	John & Chris Poorman	Greeters: 8—Bev Gawlitta 534-3298, 10:30—Maxine Brown 878-1733
Acolytes:	3:00 5:00 Josh & Rilee Warden; 7:00	Grace Bauer	Ushers: John Stalbaum 895-2457; Acolytes: Barb Welch 835-2271;
Readers:	3:00 Jill Peterson, 5:00 Sue Gordon, 7:00 Adam Jasperson	Maggie Techert	Readers: 8—Pat Dahl 878-0274, 10:30—Miriam Dziekan 878-4730;
Communion Prep:	<i>No Communion</i> <i>No Communion</i>	Laurel Rybka	Communion Assistants: Jill Peterson 835-2492;
Communion Assistants:	<i>No Communion</i> <i>No Communion</i>	Jill Peterson	Sound & Video: Yvonne & Brian Lauer 262-210-6230;
Sound & Video Ministry:	3:00 Sue Gordon, 5:00 Brian & Yvonne Lauer 7:00 Paul Kaprelian		Treats: 8—Kay Lecus 835-1653, 10:30—Teresa Holm 878-3248
Treats:	<i>No Treats</i>	<i>No Treats</i>	

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ANNUAL REPORTS

Please have all annual reports to the church office by December 30th, financial reports as soon as possible after statements are received.



ANNUAL MEETING

JANUARY 29

AFTER THE SECOND SERVICE

Ice Fishing Jamboree

&

Meat Raffle

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2012
10am until 6pm

~ A.J's Bar & Grill ~

www.ajsbargrill.com

(S90W13970 Boxhorn Dr-off of Hwy 00 in Muskego)

Fishing Contest opens at 10 a.m.

Adult & Jr. Classes

Fish categories: bass, walleye, northern, & pan fish

Prizes will be awarded to top fish

Closes at 3:30pm & prizes called at 5:30pm



Raffles begin at 11 a.m. & run throughout the day!



Meat Raffles

(includes a raffle for a freezer full of meat)

Bucket Raffle

Door Prizes

50/50 Drawings

Silent Auction & More!

Cash Raffle at 6 p.m. - 1st \$200, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$50

Shoebox Ministry

This year marks the 6th year of the shoebox ministry blessing!

Shoebox ministry is simple. From now until December 4th shoeboxes and stuffers are collected. Then on **Sunday December 4th** volunteers will gather to **fill and assemble** the shoeboxes with small personal items and the shoeboxes are wrapped, counted, and prepared for delivery.

The shoeboxes are prepared by gender (male, female, boy, and girl) and will be **distributed by a group of volunteers on December 17th** to the Lazarus House Community

Please feel free to take one or more boxes home and make your own shoebox. You just have to fill them with a few items that are listed below, gift wrap, and mark gender on the bottom of the box.

All stuffers must be to church by December 4th. We will assemble after 2nd service. Volunteers of all ages are welcome to help!!

Soap	<i>Items that are needed to fill the shoeboxes</i>	Toothbrush
Mouthwash		Shampoo
Cologne/perfume		Band-aids
Knit hat		Mittens
Small games		Pencils
Kleenex		Mints
Deodorant		Combs
Dental floss		Conditioner
Gloves		Socks
Pens		Scarf
Chewing gum		Notepads
Lip balm		Hard candies
Toothpaste		Hand lotion
Small children's toys		Small men/women gifts

**Monetary donations may be placed in Kim's mail box or placed in the offering plate please place the words "Shoebox Ministry" in the memo line.*

"He who is kind to the poor, lends to the LORD, and he will reward him for what he has done." Proverbs 19:17