



# The SteepleView

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF NORTH CAPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 2011

Volume 39, Issue 11

## Important Dates

- November 3**—Council Reports Due
- November 4**—Senior Breakfast
- November 4-5**—Homeless Night Out
- November 6**—Mission Trip Meeting
- November 6**—Mentor Luncheon
- November 10**—Council
- November 11-13**—Jr. High Fall Retreat
- November 12**—El Salvador Trip Begins
- November 13**—Mission Meal
- November 15**—Dec. Newsletter Info Due
- November 16**—Amazing Grays-North Cape
- November 17**—C.E.F.Y.
- November 20&27**—New Member Class
- November 21**—Student Leadership Team
- November 23**—Thanksgiving Eve Service
- November 27**—B.A.S.I.C. Movie Night

## 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).*

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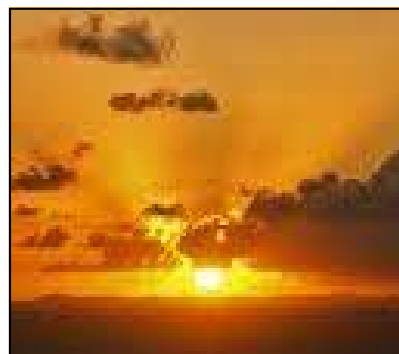
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**Weekly Articles** due Wed noon of that week  
**SteepleView Articles** DUE 15TH



## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

On November 6<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate All Saints Day. During our Sunday worship we will remember those faithful followers of Christ who entered into God's eternal care this past year. We will also give thanks for the new light which shines through those who were baptized and joined our community of disciples this year.



## Thanksgiving Eve

November 23  
Worship at 7:00 pm  
Followed by  
Coffee & Pumpkin Pie

## Staff and Council Directory

### Staff

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Bell Choir Director	Ann Henderson	
Custodian	June Decker	
Nursery Staff	Sue Halsey	

### Church Council

President	John Hagen	835-1137
Vice President	Keith Jacobson	835-2579
Secretary	Laurel Rybka	835-1326
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
Outreach	Kathie Greer	835-7755
Church in Society	Brian Sack	865-7728
Stewardship	Rhonda Smerchek	878-4904
Long Range Planning	Nancy Rasmussen	878-2581
Mutual Ministry Committee	Susan Juzenas	
	Les Gumieny	414-588-6871
Nominating Committee	Alda Gordon	835-2492
	June Decker	835-1417
Auditing Committee	Brian Lauer	262-210-6240
	Dave Flannery	886-8716
	Marian Esch	835-2115
Cemetery Board	Dale Mosher	262-939-7828
	Arnie Christiansen	878-4831
	LeRoy Lenzen	414-425-1431

## November Lessons

### November 6 – All Saints' Sunday

Revelation 7:9-17  
Psalm 34:1-10, 22  
1 John 3:1-3  
Matthew 5:1-12

### November 13 – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18  
Psalm 90:1-12  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
Matthew 25:14-30



### November 20 - Christ the King

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24  
Psalm 95:1-7a  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Matthew 25:31-46

### November 23 – Thanksgiving Eve

Deuteronomy 8:7-18  
Psalm 65  
2 Corinthians 9:6-15  
Luke 17:11-19

### November 27 – First Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9  
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:24-37

### Stay Connected on Facebook

North Cape now has a Facebook page. To become a friend, send a request to [nclc@wi.net](mailto:nclc@wi.net).

# A Note From Pastor Brad



## Cloud of Witnesses

As we move into November, warm and sunny days will become few and far between. One of my least favorite weather conditions is a cold, dreary, rainy day when the clouds are so thick that it feels like evening all day long.

I long for the lazy days when the sun is shining and a just few fluffy clouds float through sky like lazy vacationers in a hotel swimming pool. Those days remind me of my carefree childhood summers, when I would lie on the small hill beside our house and watch the clouds with my best friend, imagining different shapes.

Sadly, because I live in Wisconsin, those kinds of days are always in short supply. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the skies in Milwaukee are clear less than  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the time (90 days). The skies are partly cloudy an average of 127 days a year and completely clouded over an average of 175 days a year. That means that there are clouds in the sky an average of 3 out of every 4 days. (Note to self: Google makes me appear much more knowledgeable than I really am.)

I'm not sure what kind of sky the early Christians peered into as they read the Letter to the Hebrews. But I have always been drawn to the words at the beginning of chapter 12.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that

was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:1-2)

Sometimes, our lives seem to be filled with such trouble and negativity that we say "there must be a dark cloud over my head." And we imagine ourselves to be like the sad characters in those classic cartoons.

Evidently, early Christians must have felt the same way. So the author of Hebrews wrote those words of encouragement. He said that we are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses. And when it comes to our troubles, we have a savior who has walked the road of pain and tragedy before us. So, we never walk alone through the dark, cloudy days of life. Regardless of the weight on our shoulders, our journey will take us to the bright promise beyond the cross of Christ.

I like that image of the church. We are a cloud of witnesses.

That picture of us walking alone, bent over, with a big dark cloud following us--that is never our reality, as children of God. No doubt, it certainly feels that way sometimes.

But God calls us, as the church on earth, to be a great cloud of witnesses. To be a constant presence that fills the life of those who are hurting with hope. So that through our prayers, our words of encouragement, our simple acts of kindness, others may know that they are not alone. God is with us all the time.

Peace be with you.

# Family & Youth Happenings

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

## Something to "chew" on...

The Amazing Grace of God  
*"I love the Lord because he hears my prayers and answers them. Because he bends down and listens, I will pray as long as I breathe!" ~Psalm 116:1-2*

Us Lutherans pride ourselves on our belief in God's Grace, and why wouldn't we!

God is constantly on the lookout, ready to rescue his beloved-us! He does this whenever we fall or weaken. Scripture says that he bends down from heaven to deal with the concerns, lifting you up when you've hit the ground of life. He not only lifts you from the dirt, he sets you in places of healing and favor, where your heart is strengthened and your spirit is renewed.

Although you may not always be aware of it, God pours his grace out on your life day after day, year after year. His grace marks your steps and directs your course. Because of his goodness, you can never escape his notice, not even if you try. God cares for you and is always there for you.

Blessings, Kim

*Director of Youth & Family Ministries*

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*Day off: Tuesday*

#### **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**

God our Father, Lord and Savior  
Thank you for your love and favor  
Bless this food and drink we pray  
And all who shares with us today ~Amen.

### **Caring Conversation Starters...**

What is your favorite son?  
What does it mean to be a true friend?  
How do you feel when someone gives you a present unexpectedly?

### **C.E.F.Y**

The *Christian Education Family and Youth (CEFY)* team is always looking for volunteers to join our team where we will discuss upcoming events, Sunday school, and ways to continue to support 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!! Next meeting Thursday November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the library. We gather the third Thursday of every month at 6pm.

### **Save the Date:**

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Ice Fishing Jamboree  
& Meat Raffle

Saturday January 14<sup>th</sup> @ A.J's Bar & Grill  
(Boxhorn Dr. off of Hwy 00 in Muskego).

*All proceeds benefit the 2012 Mission Trip  
to China Grove, N.C.*

# Family & Youth Happenings cont...

## Service

### **7th Annual Homeless Night Out**

Friday Nov. 4-Sat. Nov 5th @ 7pm-7am

It is a night to give a voice to the homeless and help the rising cause in America and around the world. Students who participate will raise money for HALO (homeless organization) and the Lazarus House. They will also partake in a night of being homeless. Detailed information and pledge sheets are located on the events board. Participants must raise money in order to have it count as a service credit.

### **Mission Meal—Thanksgiving**

November 13<sup>th</sup>, at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Racine. We are in need of food donations and helping hands to serve the meal. We will be serving the Turkey Day basics of: potatoes, rolls, stuffing, veggies, milk, pies & of course, turkey.

## Fellowship

### **B.A.S.I.C. Movie Night**

Sunday November 27<sup>th</sup>

5:30-8pm in the Youth Room

Movie: TBA-newer release

Bring: Popcorn/favorite movie snack and 2 liter bottle of soda

Come and enjoy the night of food, fun, and fears!! Friends are welcome & sign up.

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

### **Wednesday Evening Confirmation Classes**

Come to an end on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>, students if you have missed an evening gathering, be sure to talk to Pastor Brad about your make up.

## Calendar of Events

**Nov 2**-Confirmation Class #8

**Nov 4-5**- Homeless Night Out 7pm-7am

**Nov 6**-Mission Trip Meeting @ 9:15am  
Mentor Luncheon @ 11:30am

**Nov 9**-Confirmation Class #19

**Nov 10**- Council @ 7pm

**Nov 11-13**-Jr. High Fall Retreat @ Lutherdale

**Nov 16**-Confirmation Class #10 (last class)

**Nov 17**- C.E.F.Y @ 6pm

**Nov. 21**- Student Leadership Team @ 6:30pm

**Nov 23**- Thanksgiving Eve Service @ 7pm

**Nov 27**- B.A.S.I.C. Movie Night 5:30-8pm

~~Important Upcoming Dates~~

**Dec. 4**-Shoebox Assembly

**Dec. 11**-Lower grades Christmas Program

**Dec. 17**-Shoebox Delivery

**Dec. 18**-Upper Grades Christmas Program

Youth Group Christmas Party 11:30-2pm

## Discipleship

### **2012 Sr. High Mission Trip Meeting**

When: Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup> @ 9:15am

Where: Parsonage

Trip Location—China Grove, N.C.

Trip Dates—June 23-July 1

Trip Cost— \$275 youth \$225 adults

\*November is the final chance to register for the trip, before we open it to family/friends of the participants. We do have a few spots open, so if you are interested please attend the meeting.

### **Student Leadership Team**

This is an ongoing group consisting of students who are in 8<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The group will gather once a month to participate in planning of events, Bible study, and leadership training. The group will gather Monday November 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:30-8pm. Bring a snack for the group to enjoy!

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

## 2011 Confirmation Class



**Jacob Bauer**

*“Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened.”*

*~Luke 11:9*

North Cape Lutheran Church has helped me fulfill every part of this scripture verse. I have asked for forgiveness and I have been forgiven. I have looked for a clear conscience and found it through helping others. Through this church I have asked and been given many opportunities.



**Sam Gultch**

*“Let all that you do be done in love.”*

*~2 Corinthians 1:22*

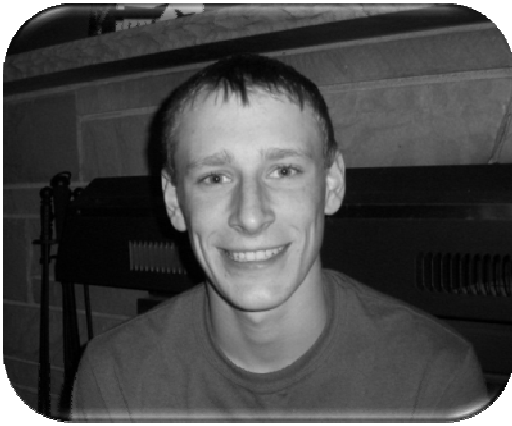
I view myself a loving person and not a fighter. I wish people could be more like me and trust in God’s love to get them through the hardship. If everything people did on earth was done in God’s love we would have more peace.



**Caleb Gumieny**

*“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God for the Father through him.” ~Colossians 3:17*

This scripture verse is important to me because my family does everything in the name of Jesus. I really believe that all that we do is for Jesus and he is what we live our lives for. Jesus is at the center of not only my family but also in me.



**David Jones**

*“Stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong.”*

*~1 Corinthians 16:13*

This scripture verse relates to my entire faith journey and the process of confirmation. It taught me how to believe in the Lord, and to always believe that He is there to protect and comfort me in all that I do.

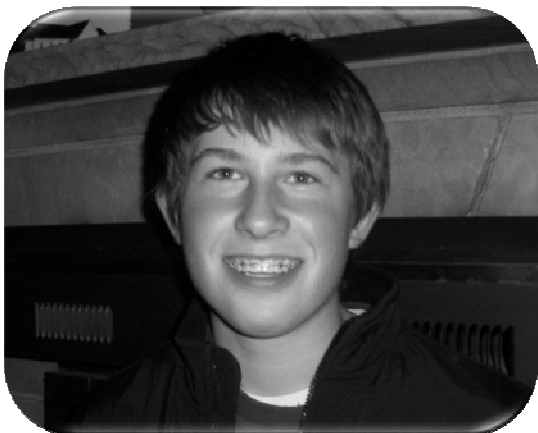


**Daniel Jurasovich**

*“Love one another as I have loved you.”*

*~John 13:34*

The people that I love have led me to my life of faith. God loves everyone with no favorite. We love each other as we love God. My journey with faith includes the ones around me from my church. We are all one big family, and family is connected through love.



**Chad Lecus**

*“For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believes in him shall have eternal life.”*

*~John 3:16*

This is the verse that I hold close in my confirmation journey. It explains the sacrifice God made for us by giving his son to die for us. This verse comforts me and reminds me that I should also make sacrifices in my life for God’s purpose.



### **Taylor Riley**

*"This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it." ~Psalm 118:24*

As I think about the words "this is the day that the Lord has made" I think this may have been when the Lord was marched into Jerusalem in which to be put to death for our all of our sins. The Lord made that day for himself to endure the suffering and sacrifices for each and every one of us. "Let us rejoice and be glad in it", we should all be rejoicing for all the sacrifices the Lord has made for us to live with the knowledge of peace, caring, forgiveness and the gifts of life

and the ability to love not only one another but also ourselves.



### **Ashley Seemann**

*"Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. Love does not demand its own way. Love is not irritable, and it keeps no record of when it has been wronged"*  
~1 Corinthians 13:4-5

I feel this scripture verse relates to me best because when you love someone, you have to be patient. God is patient with all of us during times that we may turn away from him.

Loving another person it involves work, just as it takes work for us to continually love God. When we love someone, we

should do it as stated in this scripture, which is the perfect kind of love.



# Happy Birthday to Our Members Born in November

T' Ann Hoffman Nov 1  
 Cassie Barwick Nov 2  
 Jessica Kasproicz Nov 2  
 Lori Moser Nov 2  
 Jodi Dybedahl Nov 3  
 Gerri Wirtz Nov 3  
 Collin Lewandowski Nov 5  
 Janet Jaspersen Nov 6  
 Kelly Koerber Nov 6  
 Kody Kortendick Nov 7  
 \*Myrtle Narlock Nov 8  
 Olivia Hansen Nov 10  
 Barb Welch Nov 11  
 Karen Bauer Nov 12  
 Jack Betthausen Nov 12  
 Logan Garza Lauber Nov 12  
 Nancy Jutrzonka Nov 12  
 Jim Wolter Nov 12  
 Tom Arndt Nov 14  
 Jerry Nelson Nov 14  
 Korey Baumann Nov 15  
 Hannah Gemmel Nov 15  
 Randy Koerber Nov 15  
 Lucas Lago Nov 15  
 \*Marion Buol Nov 17  
 Don Holm Nov 17  
 Steve Fladwood Nov 18  
 Kim Muszynski Nov 19  
 Austin Nelson Nov 20  
 Sarah Rules Nov 21

Lynette Ahrndt Nov 23  
 Calvin Muszynski Nov 23  
 Linda Petersen Nov 24  
 Mike Wilks Nov 24  
 Daryn Doberstein Nov 25  
 Jill Goder Nov 25  
 Scott Lofquist Nov 25  
 Alyssa Thomas Nov 26  
 Kay Lecus Nov 28  
 Julie Schwartz Nov 28  
 Barb Christiansen Nov 30  
 Justin Smith Nov 30

**\*Members who are 70 or over**



## Happy November Wedding Anniversary

Bob & Karen Benson—Nov 1  
 Jim & Karen Gruettner—Nov 5  
 Richard & Tammie Kortendick—Nov 5  
 Cheryl & Ron Jorgensen—Nov 14  
 Larry & Sharon Nelson—Nov 14  
 Donna & Del Thomas—Nov 21  
 Bonnie & Bruce Napierkowski—Nov 27  
 Virgil & Mary Bishop—Nov 30



		<b>Please Remember Our Shut-ins</b>			
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

# Shoebox Ministry

*This year marks the 6<sup>th</sup> year of the shoebox ministry blessing!*

Shoebox ministry is simple, from now until December 4<sup>th</sup> shoeboxes, and stuffers are collected. Then on **Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup>** volunteers will gather to **fill and assemble** the shoeboxes with small personal items and the shoeboxes are wrapped, counted, and are 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 17<sup>th</sup>** 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 4<sup>th</sup>, we will assemble after 2<sup>nd</sup> service, all ages of volunteers are welcome to help!!

Soap		Toothbrush
Mouthwash		Shampoo
Cologne/perfume		Band-aids
Knit hat		Mittens
Small games		Pencils
Kleenex	<i>Items that are</i>	Mints
Deodorant	<i>needed to fill</i>	Combs
Dental floss	<i>the shoeboxes</i>	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 kind to the poor, lends to the LORD, and he will reward him for what he has done." Proverbs 19:17***

OUR HEARTFELT THANKS

**Special Thanks** to all who responded to the extra cookie request for the day we recognized our First Responders. Sue Klaus, Kim Muszynski, and Kitty Friend. **They were delicious!**

**Thank you Kim Muszynski** for preparing the food for the Club 56 packer party! It sure was yummy!

**Thank you to everyone who helped** make the Fall festival another successful year! This is surely a great fellowship for all ages and all sizes of families! Who doesn't love a free yummy caramel apple! Thank you to the Flannery family for donating the apples and caramel, Swans Pumpkin farm for the pumpkins, Kathy & Paul Kaprelian for the yummy cider, Ginny Strueder for mulling the cider, and Lori Moser the home made and yummy chili!

**Sunday School News**

**Sunday School Food Drive** - October 16—November 13. All students are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to donate to the Union Grove Food Bank. Items currently needed: **Paper Products:** Kleenex, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Napkins, Paper Plates; **Personal Care Items:** Shampoo, Toothpaste and Tooth Brushes, Deodorant, Tampons, Pads, Razors, Bar Soap; **Lunch Box Items:** Granola Bars, Fruit Snacks, Juice Boxes, etc...; **Baking Products:** Sugar, Flour, Salt, Chocolate Chips, Spices; **Dish Soap, Laundry Soap, Canned Meats, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Crackers, Apple Sauce, Canned Fruits, Coffee, Tea, Kool-Aid, Juice, Spaghetti Sauce, No Baby Items Please.** Thank you for serving God!

**All students** are strongly encouraged to attend Sunday School during the November and December months, as we will be practicing for the Christmas programs during a portion of the education hour. Thank You!

**Women's Bible Study**

Mondays, 7:00 PM.

**Altar Guild Chairs:**

Laurel Rybka 835-1326,  
Jill Peterson 835-2792

**Mission Quilters** Tues-

days 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



**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



# WHAT WE'RE UP TO AT NORTH CAPE



## Amazing Grays Social Club...

Bringing our Seniors together through food and fellowship!

When: Wednesday, November 16, 2011

Time: 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Where: North Cape Lutheran Church

Cost: Free-will offering accepted, but **NOT required.**

The quartet, "Cooler By The Lake" will entertain us beginning at 11:15.

Lunch served at Noon. Hope you can join us!

## 2012 Sr. High Mission Trip News

We are pleased to say that there are 20 participants registered to serve as God's hands and feet in China Grove, N.C. from June 23-July 1st, 2012. We do have a few spots open, and our final cut off is this month. We will then open up these extra spots to friends/family members of the participants. If you are interested in going on the trip please contact the leader Kim Schwartz, asap!

Our fundraising is beginning again, and we want to thank you by giving you a FREE soda after church on November 6th. We just ask that you bring it back Dec. 4th filled with your change/bills from the month. This is a change that will go a long way!

Please save the date for our 4th Annual Ice Fishing Jamboree and Meat Raffles. This is a great fundraiser that fulfills for half of our budget! The event will be held again at A.J's Bar and Grill on Boxhorn Dr. off of Hwy 00 in Muskego. The event runs from 10am-6pm, ice fishing contest closes at 3pm.

## Sr. Citizen Breakfast -

Friday, November 4, 8:45, Apple Holler. Sign up in the Binder on the Welcome Center



## CHURCH MOUSE CORNER



Hello friends!

This time of year, it's so great to be a church mouse...knowing that I have a warm, cozy place to live. Recently, my good friend Wayne Friend worked with a local contractor to make sure that our heating system is running smoothly. Wayne is the leader of the North Cape property management team, and a member of the church council. He does so much work around here, it's amazing. Recently, he crawled up the narrow stairs to the top of the bell tower to fix a mechanism. He also spent hours cleaning out a dried up wasp nest/ beehive he found in the rafters of the church. He does all of these things quietly and faithfully. Wayne is a great volunteer. I'm just glad he hasn't found my mouse house yet. 'Cause if he ever does, I'll get evicted for sure. So do me a favor, say thanks to Wayne. And give your favorite church mouse a little of that Wisconsin cheese.

Oh, by the way. I'm getting a mailbox. It will only be for outgoing mail. Keep a look out by the welcome center. All of this writing on the computer is overwhelming for my cute little claws. So, I'm asking for your help to thank those silent heroes here at North Cape. Here's how it works:

I'll have some postcards available (with some very flattering pictures of me on the front). When you want to recognize someone for doing a good deed at church, fill out one of those cards with the name of the person on top. You can sign your name, or not. It's your choice. Leave the address blank, and put the postcard in my mailbox. Your friendly church staff will write the person's address on the card, put a stamp on it, and send it out. Sounds like a fun idea, huh?

**WHAT WE'RE UP TO AT NORTH CAPE**

**Union Grove Area Food Bank  
Looking for a New Home**

The Union Grove Area Foodbank is searching for a new home for its day-to-day operations. If you know of a suitable location, please speak to Pastor Brad Brown, Vice-President of the Foodbank, or Chris Poorman, Board Member.

The ideal location would be a facility with first-floor accessibility, approximately 800 square feet in a secure, temperature-controlled facility with running water and bathroom facilities.

The Union Grove Area Food Bank has been serving the surrounding community for 28 years with emergency food assistance.

**New Member Classes Forming**

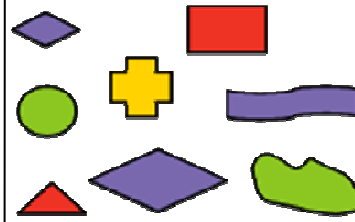
Our mission at North Cape Lutheran Church is to grow as committed followers of Jesus Christ.

We are always blessed when God sends us new friends to support us and enrich us on our journey of faith. So we sincerely pray that folks who are new to our worshipping community might consider joining us as members and share in our mission.

During our four-part new member series, participants will have the opportunity to explore their Christian faith, meet new people, learn more about the history of the Lutheran tradition, and become acquainted with the ministry opportunities of our congregation. Classes will take place on Sundays during the education hour (9:15-10:15am) in the church Library. November 20 and 27  
December 4 and 11

New members will be received into our church family on December 11.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Pastor Brad Brown 262-835-2206 or [pastorbrad@northcapelutheran.org](mailto:pastorbrad@northcapelutheran.org). Please invite your friends to consider this opportunity to grow in faith.



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

The Stewardship Committee invites you to celebrate **Commitment Sunday** on November 6 during our worship services.

We have been collecting small fragments of red, purple, yellow, and green. On Commitment Sunday, we will be putting all those pieces together. Come and see the beauty we can create when we gather all of our gifts into a common ministry under the name of Christ.

You should have received a letter in the mail with a tear-off commitment card. Stop to give thanks for the gifts of time, talent, and treasure God has given you. And make a prayerful plan for how you can contribute to our ministry at North Cape Lutheran Church. Bring your commitment to church on Sunday, or mail it to the church office in the envelope provided.

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



Fall Festival Hay Riders

## WHAT WE'RE UP TO AT NORTH CAPE



### **Help Us Fill "Phil" The Turkey!** The Outreach Team is happy to invite you to participate in our **Thanksgiving Food Basket Project.**

This year we will be

providing five baskets to needy families among us and we need your help! We are asking for cash contributions only. You will have No Shopping - No Remembering to bring the items - No Worry about storage room at church. We will do all the planning and shopping. Our collection will run three Sundays, **October 30<sup>th</sup> thru November 13<sup>th</sup>.**

For every \$20.00 we collect, we will give Phil another turkey feather. Our goal is to have Phil fully dressed out in all his glory. So please help Phil, fill our Thanksgiving Food Baskets. Look for Phil in the narthex along with the collection basket. Checks may be made payable to NCLC with "Thanksgiving Baskets" in the memo line or on your envelope. Please help make these families' Thanksgiving as tasty and heart-warming as your own. ***"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."* (Matthew 25:40)**

### **Poinsettia Time!**

It's really time again to think about the Poinsettias for Christmas Eve. These adorn our altar to decorate the church for Christmas. We will have Red, Pink, or White at \$8.75 each. Forms are available in the binder on the Welcome Center. We need all orders by Thanksgiving. Please make checks payable to WELCA.



### **Looking Ahead—**

Christmas Eve Worship,  
3:00, 5:00 & 7:00 PM.

Christmas Morning Worship, 9:30 AM.

**The Bell Choir** does not have enough members to continue playing as a choir at this time. We are in need of 2-4 more people to play. We rehearse on Wednesday nights at 6:45 and are usually done between 7:30 and 7:45. We try to play in church monthly. The only requirements to play are the ability to read music, an interest in learning a new instrument, and the commitment to attend rehearsals regularly and be able to play in church once a month. If you have ever considered playing or wondered what it would be like, please attend our next rehearsal on Wednesday, Nov. 2nd at :45. Give it a try and see if it is for you. If you have questions, contact Ann Henderson at 989-3581 or [hendersonann@hotmail.com](mailto:hendersonann@hotmail.com).



Christian Jone3s helping @ the Fishboil

**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](mailto: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, Frank Repta, Roger Johnson, The Family of Bob Holler.

### **Please Also Pray for Military Members:**

AMN Joseph Tanking  
New address not available as of this printing  
(Birthday - April 16)

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

## WHAT WE'RE UP TO AT NORTH CAPE

### Help Needed!

For about five years, a small group of us have been going to Oak Ridge Care Center in U.G., on a quarterly basis, to lead the residents in playing bingo. Due to some members of our small group moving, we find we are in need of additional people to help us carry out this mission to share God's love by bringing smiles and a little extra joy to these often forgotten seniors.

We usually meet in the Oak Ridge entrance and enter together. Bingo runs from 2:30 to 3:30pm or 7:00 to 8:00pm. One of the men in our group usually calls out the bingo numbers and the rest of our group assists the residents with their cards (we're their eyes and ears), and pass out the prize trays to the winners! For each session we provide about 60 prizes, which means each player can win 2 or 3 prizes! The prizes come from wherever we can find them! Some talented people in our group have made things, we've purchased items at the Dollar store or at a garage sale or cleaned out jewelry boxes or donated items no longer needed. In addition, the entire congregation has been great about donating "gently used" or new items and placing them in the Oak Ridge Box in the church entry way. Items that are always popular include small flower arrangements (fresh or dried), small figurines, small holiday decorations, cologne, lotions, after shave, stuffed animals, jewelry (especially beads), picture frames, large face playing cards, and small size snacks.

In addition to all of these prizes, we provide and handout lots of big, warm, smiles! At times, we provide a little conversation and sometimes hugs. The funny thing about handing out all these smiles is that we leave with a greater supply of smiles in our hearts than when we arrived!

We know everyone is very busy, but if you think you could give up just a little over an hour, four times a year, we would love to have your help. We recently changed from Saturday afternoon Bingo sessions to weekday and/or evening times. The next two sessions (Nov & Feb) will be during the afternoon and the following two (May & Aug) will be in the evening.

Our next bingo date is Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm. If you have any questions, or if you can help out with a gift of your time, please contact Kathie Greer @ 835-7755 or [kdgreer@hotmail.com](mailto:kdgreer@hotmail.com). If you have prizes, please continue to place them in the box in the entry hall. We are so appreciative of your donations!



***Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others....." 1Peter 4:10***

## Gratitude Gala

November 12 (During Veterans Day Weekend) - Racine Memorial Hall, 72—7th St. Racine, WI 6:00 p.m. Buffet Dinner, Cash Bar, Entertainment, (Be sure to watch for our very own Bob Benson and Robbyn Wilks), USO-style WWII-era Variety Show & 40's music. Silent Auction and Raffle proceeds will help fund future flights which carry local WWII veterans to the Monument in Washington D.C. Please see poster on bulletin board for more details.



## Embracing Your Grief during the Festive Season

You are invited to attend "Embracing Your Grief during the Festive Season", a Grief Support Seminar at Schuette-Daniels Funeral Home, 625 Browns Lake Drive, Burlington on Sunday, November 13, 2011 at 2:00PM. The guest speaker will be Kimberly Moss RN and Bereavement Coordinator with Odyssey Hospice in Burlington and Chaplain Gordon Boyce. Refreshments will be provided.



## Willy Wonka at the Theater Guild!

We're going to a Musical at the Racine Theater Guild on Saturday December 17, 4:00 PM. Tick-

ets are \$12. The play is "Willy Wonka" and guess who is playing the part of Willy Wonka? Yes, that's right, it's our own Bob Benson! If you would like to attend, please sign up in the binder on the Welcome Center by November 27. All money is due on that date. Please make checks payable to WELCA. There is a pouch in the binder cover for your payment. Sure to be great family holiday entertainment!

## Called to Serve: Recognizing Musicians

As part of our ongoing series to recognize people who share their God-given talents through various professions, we will be celebrating the gifts of musicians on Sunday, November 13. We invite all individuals and groups (amateurs or professionals) who perform music in the community to join us for a special litany of thanksgiving and a prayer of blessing during our services at 8am and 10:30am. Take a moment to thank your friends, family members, and neighbors who have entertained you and blessed you with their talents, and invite them to receive this recognition.



We especially want to thank our North Cape musicians who enhance our worship experience.

Organist: Dan Trudell  
Substitute Organist: Kitty Friend

The Uplift Contemporary Band  
Director and Keyboard: Brian Lauer  
Keyboard: Mary Liesch  
Drums: Dug Liesch  
Guitar: Craig Hebron  
Keyboard: Dan Trudell  
Vocals: Bob Benson, Robbyn Wilks, Kathy Kaprelian, and Karen Gumieny.

Uplift has been part of our music ministry for 20 years!

Bell Choir  
Director: Ann Henderson  
Ringers: Bev Gawlitta, Barb Nelson, Wendy Hebron, Mary Rusch, Nicole Smerchek, Rhonda Smerchek, Laurel Rybka, Linda Waldron and Maggie Techert.

We also thank all those who have provided special music as soloists, accompanists, and ensembles throughout the year. We are so very grateful for your joyful contribution to our worship experience.



Pumpkin Carving Fun  
Tessa Werth & Emily Rasmussen



Grace Bauer making her fall craft



Wayne Rasmussen running our  
“famous” pumpkin catapult

## COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—Thursday, September 8, 2011

### Consent Agenda

The Executive Committee approved the resolution “To authorize Wayne Friend to execute a contract with Otis Elevator Company for the quoted repairs” to the church elevator totaling \$3,272.05 which included a discount of \$304.45.

The Outreach Committee proposed a motion that Council authorize the Outreach Committee to install three concrete footers in the west lawn of the church, by Highway 45, for the purpose of erecting removable vinyl sign posts. The signs would advertise special events and seasonal worship experiences.

### Pastor’s Report

Pastoral Acts: 8 Marriage preparation sessions; 1 Baptism instruction session; 3 Shut-in visits; 4 pastoral counseling; 7 Hospital visits; Funeral: LeRoy Lenzen August 13; Baptisms: Cameron Charles Holewinski at All Saints Hospital 8/15/11 and Damien James Kropidowski 8/21/11; Weekly staff meetings on Wednesdays.

Finance Committee met August 30 for an organizational meeting. The group discussed the purpose of the committee and some key tasks to begin working on in the next few months. In the committee’s initial discussion, we identified the following purposes: monitor overall financial well-being of the congregation, monitor cash-flow and giving trends, provide budget analysis, monitor investments, advise council regarding financial policies/procedures, advise/assist stewardship committee, and assist with development of the annual budget. The committee will review these purpose statements next month. The committee talked about two key tasks for future meetings: clarification of the use of the Building Fund and development of a draft policy/procedural guide on fundraising.

The committee affirmed the council’s discussion (at the August meeting) to pursue fundraising up to \$3,500 for the west entry project. The committee noted that a longer-lasting fund drive (extending into late winter/ early spring 2011) would be more feasible than a short fund drive so members could be encouraged to keep up their regular tithes and offerings during this time and supplement that with extra gifts to the West Entry fund as families have additional resources.

Christian Education – I have been assisting Kim Schwartz in organizing our Christian Education ministry for the fall season. We met with CEFY committee on August 14, led Sunday School orientation on August 28, and led confirmation orientation on August 31. A new group will be forming this year to encourage interested parents to join each other for breakfast at Tammy’s during the Sunday School hour. This will be an informal gathering for people to connect.

### Treasurer’s Report

Lee Toll presented Financial Reports for July 2011. July contributions were \$20,203.32 with expenses of \$27,868.54.

### Elevator Update

Wayne Friend reported all work has been completed by Otis Elevator Co. to repair leaking seals and electric pump. Wayne also reported the boiler repairs will be done shortly and the refrigerator in the main kitchen was repaired and is working fine now.

### West Entry

Mike Hoffman, a NCLC member, will present a bid to install the new doors, and other bids will be taken as well. It was urged that these bids should be of the same quality and guarantee as that presented by Bane-Nelson. Wayne Friend said the doors won’t actually be replaced until next year. He will make a presentation on September 18, 2011 to kick off fundraising for this project.

# November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:00 Mission Quilters 7:00 Yoga	2 Noon Bulletin & Wed. e-mail info due Confirmation #8 6:45 Bell Choir	3 Council Reports Due 6—9 Legacy Quilters	4 OFFICE CLOSED 8:45 Sr. Breakfast at Apple Holler Homeless Night Out	5 Daylight Saving Time Ends Tomorrow morning at 2:00. Don't forget to set your clocks BACK 1 hour
6 All Saints Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 Worship w/Communion 9:15 Christian Education	7 7:00 Women's Bible Study	8 Election Day 9:00 Mission Quilters 7:00 Yoga	9 Noon Bulletin & Wed. e-mail info due Confirmation #9 6:45 Bell Choir	10 7:00 Council Meeting	11 OFFICE CLOSED Klump/Seemann Wedding Jr. High Fall Retreat	12 El Salvador trip Thru 19th Jr. High Fall Retreat
13 22nd Sunday after Pentecost/Recognition of Musicians 8:00 & 10:30 Worship w/Uplift @ 10:30 9:15 Christian Education Mission Meal	14 7:00 Women's Bible Study	15 9:00 Mission Quilters December newsletter Info Due 7:00 Yoga	16 Noon Bulletin & Wed. e-mail info due 11:00 Amazing Grays at North Cape Confirmation #10 6:45 Bell Choir	17 6—9 Legacy Quilters	18 OFFICE CLOSED	19
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NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS	SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6	SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13	SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20
Greeters: 8:00 10:30	Bill & Janet Blum Miriam Dziekan	Jen & Charlie Jones Kathy Paul	Don & Marian Esch Carol Harcus
Ushers: 8:00 10:30	Rob & Chris Luedtke Craig & Wendy Hebron	Dennis & Lori Kasprowicz Wally & Donna Polston	Jerry & Char Benzel Miriam Dziekan & Kelly Rank
Acolytes: 8:00 10:30	Jack Bethauser Noah Lorey	Tristan Brown Justin Smith	Zach Lehner Noah Lorey
Readers: 8:00 10:30	Jim Gruettner Pam Rehberg	Larry Nelson Robbyn Wilks	Mel Hebron Maxine Brown
Communion Prep: 8:00 10:30	D Koerber, J Koerber, T Kortendick Kathy Paul	<i>No Communion</i> <i>No Communion</i>	Char & Jerry Benzel Mary Treece
Communion Assistants: 8:00 10:30	Wayne Friend Rick Bisci	<i>No Communion</i> <i>No Communion</i>	Rhonda Smerchek Jill Peterson
Sound & Video Ministry: 8:00 10:30	Steve Johnson Dale Mosher	Wayne Rasmussen Yvonne Lauer	Roy Gawlitta Sue Gordon
Treats: 8:00 10:30	Lori Kasprowicz Barb Christiansen	Lynette Ahrndt Kim Muszynski	Cary Lehner Dawn Kopac
	<b>WEDNESDAY NOV. 23 - 7 PM</b>	<b>SUNDAY NOVEMBER 27</b>	Counters: Don & Teresa Holm Altar Guild: Rhonda Smerchek
Greeters: 8:00 10:30	Bev Gawlitta & Maxine Brown	Don & Kathie Greer Maxine Brown	<b>Team Captains</b>
Ushers: 8:00 10:30	Arnie & Linda Waldron	Larry & Sharon Nelson Steve & Cheryl Fladwood	Greeters: 8—Bev Gawlitta 534-3298, 10:30—Maxine Brown 878-1733
Acolytes: 8:00 10:30	Lauren Warden	Hailey Hoffman DeAnn Jones	Ushers: John Stalbaum 895-2457; Acolytes: Barb Welch 835-2271;
Readers: 8:00 10:30	Chris Luedtke	T'Ann Hoffman Karen Benson	Readers: 8—Pat Dahl 878-0274, 10:30—Miriam Dziekan 878-4730;
Communion Prep: 8:00 10:30	<i>No Communion</i> <i>No Communion</i>	<i>No Communion</i> <i>No Communion</i>	Communion Assistants: Jill Peterson 835-2492;
Communion Assistants: 8:00 1030	<i>No Communion</i> <i>No Communion</i>	<i>No Communion</i> <i>No Communion</i>	Sound & Video: Yvonne & Brian Lauer 262-210-6230;
Sound & Video Ministry: 8:00 10:30	Brian Lauer	Paul Kaprelian Dale Mosher	Treats: 8—Kay Lecus 835-1653, 10:30—Teresa Holm 878-3248
Treats: 8:00 10:30		Beth Jacobson Sheila Hummel	

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## **Daylight Saving Time Ends**

Set your clocks **BACK** one hour at  
2:00 am Sunday November 6.



## **Annual Reports**

Due in Church Office  
December 31!

The holidays are just around the  
Corner. Why not get your annual  
report completed now?

## Important Changes in Designated Funds

In a recent review of financial contributions at North Cape Lutheran Church, the Congregational Council discovered that there may be some confusion among members regarding offering designations.

You will notice that there are two columns on your offering envelope to indicate how you would like your financial gifts to be invested in the ministry of North Cape Lutheran Church.

The first category is the **General Fund**.

The General Fund covers the day-to-day operations of the church including utilities, maintenance, staff salaries and benefits, office supplies, equipment, Christian Education and youth ministry, music, worship supplies, outreach, and all other ministry programs. Our General Fund also includes support for Mission Giving, which is money that we “tithe” to other Christian ministries such as ELCA World Hunger, El Salvador Pastor’s Endowment Fund, Good Samaritan Fund, Lutheran Social Services, Lutheran World Relief, Lutherdale Bible Camp, Respite Services, Union Grove Area Foodbank, and Love and Charity Mission. Mission Giving accounts for \$23,150 or 8.5% of the General Fund Budget.

The second category is **Other Undesignated Funds**.

This line is used to indicate the amount of your offering that you would like to give to a specific purpose, usually one that is not covered in the General Fund (such as our recent West Entry Fund to replace our aging doors.)

Many people use this line for the **Building Fund**, the **Capital Improvements Fund**, or **other specific missions**. After reviewing these funds, the council has taken action to clarify their purposes.

As of January 1, 2012, the **Building Fund will be renamed the Future Expansion Fund**.

The building fund was established when the congregation was considering a proposal by Architectural Associates, Ltd to expand the facility in 2003. Since the inception of the Building Fund, all gifts have been invested in savings for any possible future expansion of our facilities.

However, the congregation did not take any action to move forward on the 2003 plan, and there is no active plan for expansion at this time. So, while the fund has continued to receive gifts, we have no current plans for its use.

Some members have indicated that they thought the **Building Fund** was used for ongoing maintenance, repair, or operation of our existing church structure. This has never been the case, according to a review of all the minutes of annual meetings and special meetings of the congregation. The council regrets this confusion and seeks to remedy the situation by renaming the fund the **Future Expansion Fund** to better describe its purpose.

As of January 1, 2012, the **Capital Improvements Fund will be renamed the Operations and Maintenance Fund**.

A review of church records shows that offerings to the **Capital Improvements Fund** have been consistently used to fund any items, repairs, or services listed under “Operations and Maintenance” in the General Budget of the congregation. The new name **Operations and Maintenance Fund** more clearly identifies the purpose of the fund.

Please keep in mind that the **Operations and Maintenance Fund** is used to offset expenses budgeted and incurred by the General Fund. The Finance Committee strives to present a unified budget so that all anticipated repairs are included in the General Budget. So, essentially, if you designate all of your offering to the General Fund on your envelope, you are still supporting operations, repairs, and maintenance since these items are included in the General Budget.

However, some people want to know that their gift is going for the specific purpose of maintaining our current facilities. The **Operations and Maintenance Fund** was created with this in mind. If giving to the **Operations and Maintenance Fund** exceeds yearly expenses incurred by these line items in the General Budget, the funds will be retained for future years, thereby being a resource when we experience unexpected repairs.

As of January 1, 2012, any gift designated for an organization that is already named in the General Budget (i.e. Lutheran World Relief) will be used to offset the contribution from the General Fund to that organization.

The congregation actually took this same action at the 2006 annual meeting, but in the last 2-3 years, the practice has reverted to a system in which designated gifts for specific organizations were paid over and above the General Fund contribution.

As explained above, the congregation regularly approves a “tithe” (currently 8.5%) for Mission Giving out of its General Budget. So, every gift to the General Fund already supports our congregation’s strong support for Mission Giving. As you will note, even though we approved a deficit budget for this year, we have continued to provide funds to Mission Giving partners at budgeted levels. Our Mission Giving partners are the first line items in our budget, and we maintain a commitment to support them first.

According to our current practice, if you designate \$100 to Lutheran World Relief we pass that along to LWR *in addition* to our budgeted amount from the General Fund. So that means that we are actually giving more to Mission Giving (ie Lutheran World Relief) than what the congregation approved in its annual budget.

Given the current economic conditions, the congregational council has a responsibility to balance the needs of our congregational ministry with those of our valued ministry partners. That is why starting in 2012, any gift designated for an organization already named in the General Budget will be used to offset the contribution from the General Fund.

If designated giving to a particular organization (i.e. Lutheran World Relief) exceeds the amount approved in the budget, that organization will receive the total amount given. For example, if the congregation budgets \$1,500 for Lutheran World Relief, but receives specific designated gifts of \$2,000, Lutheran World Relief will receive \$2,000.

We are so grateful for your faithful giving to the ministry of North Cape Lutheran Church. Should you have any questions, please contact church council president John Hagen or Pastor Brad Brown.