

Visitors are asked to please feel free to sign the Guest Book in the narthex.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.	1-1		NO REFRESHMENT TIME
Mon.	1-2		OFFICE CLOSED
Tues.	1-3	10:00	Ministerial Association Meeting
		11:00	Staff Meeting
Wed.	1-4	5:45	Confirmation Learning Event
		6:30	Bell Choir
		7:40	Faith Choir
Sun.	1-8	8:00	Worship
		9:20	PreK-5th Grade Sunday School
			Kindergarten Bible Session
		10:30	Kindergarten Bible Presentation
		10:30	Contemporary Worship/HC

Mark Your Calendar!

- **OFFICE CLOSED** Monday, January 2.
- **Confirmation Learning Event** Wednesday, January 4 @ 5:45pm.
- **Kindergarten Bible session** with Pastor Lisa Sunday, January 8 @ 9:20am.
- **Kindergarten Bible Presentation** Sunday, January 8 at 10:30pm.
- **Finance committee** meets Monday, January 9 @ 6:30pm.
- **2012 Spending Plan** "questions and answer session" Tuesday, January 10 @ 6:30pm.
- **Council** meets Tuesday, January 10 @ 7pm.
- **Anna Circle** meets Wednesday, January 11, 9am at Jan Zahn's.
- **Scroll Circle** meets Wednesday, January 11, 1:15pm @ Esther Gaumitz's.
- **Confirmation "servant event"** Wednesday, January 11 @ 5:45pm.
- **Volunteers to assemble** the annual report Thursday, January 12 at 9am.
- **Evangelism committee** meets Monday, January 16 @ 6:30pm.
- **Naomi Circle** meets Tuesday, January 17, 7:30pm @ Ruth Nordal's.
- **Clergy Lenten Planning** gathering Wednesday, January 18, 9am in DeForest.
- **February NEWSLETTER Deadline** is Friday, January 20.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

NAME OF JESUS

SUNDAY ● JANUARY 1, 2012

Welcome! Whether you are a guest or one who crosses these doors more regularly, you are welcome in this place. The worship of God is the deepest activity of the human spirit. We ask that you please complete a *Welcome Card* that can be found in the pew rack.

Holy Communion this morning is open to all baptized Christians who seek the presence of Jesus Christ for assurance of forgiveness and strengthening of faith. All visitors who commune in their home churches are welcome to commune at the Lord's Table at Faith. If you prefer to avoid wine, white grape juice is also offered. It is also perfectly valid to choose to receive only bread or only wine/grape juice. The Christian church has always taught that Christ is fully present in either element alone. If you would like to receive communion at the pew, please notify an usher or pastor.

Children who do not yet commune are invited to come forward with their families at communion time. Children who are communing, please hold your hand out to receive the bread; if you are not communing, fold your hands and you will receive a blessing.

An Invitation to Share in a Ministry of Healing Prayer: This morning those who desire to be prayed for are invited to come to the communion rail for a prayer during the Hymn of the Day. You may request prayers for anything you may be concerned about, for yourself or other people. We ask you to please fill out the **Prayer Request Card** found in pew rack and bring it with you when you come forward to the railing or you may place it in the offering plate.

Hospitalized this past week: Eugene O'Brion in UW Hospital, Madison.

Received into the Body of Christ through Holy Baptism this morning is Josephine (Josie) Elizabeth Berget, daughter of Derek and Julie Berget. Her sponsors are Tyler Grebe, Cory and Tonya Berget.

Bulletins and Chancel Flowers this morning have been sponsored by Derek and Julie Berget in honor of the baptism of Josie Elizabeth Berget.

Prayer Triad for Sunday, January 1: All Saints Lutheran Church, Fitchburg; Trinity Lutheran Church, Fort Atkinson; Otter Creek Lutheran Church, Highland; St. Jerome Catholic Church, Columbus.

Kindergarten Bible Presentation: Kindergarten students will be receiving Bibles on Sunday, January 8 during the 10:30 service. A Bible introduction session will be held during their Sunday time on Sunday, January 8. Questions? Please see Pastor Lisa.

The **2012 Spending Plan** approved by the council will be available for review next Sunday, January 8, two week prior to the annual meeting

The council will be holding a **2012 Spending Plan** “question and answer session” Tuesday, January 10 at 6:30, just prior to the 7pm council meeting.

Thank you to all who signed up to sponsor poinsettia plants *Poinsettia plants may be taken home today. Names are on the back of the plants.*

Our **annual meeting** is set for Sunday, January 22 at 9:30am. Due to the time of this meeting we will not be having the 10:30 worship service.

Faith's annual meeting will be on Sunday morning **January 22**. This is an important meeting for church members to attend. We will review 2011 and plans for 2012 including reports, budget and voting. Also, this year there will be an important **advisory survey** to assist the 2012 Council in making financial decisions.

The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** service is scheduled for Sunday, January 29 at 3pm. Guest speaker is Pastor Mike Edge, President, Wisconsin Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Host church has yet to be determined.

The **Flower Chart for 2012** is on the kiosk bulletin board in the narthex. If you would like to provide flowers to enhance a Sunday morning worship service we ask that you sign up soon so you are able to secure the date you desire. Flowers may be given to celebrate, memorialized, or honor some person or occasion.

Please take time this morning to pick up your **2012 Offering Box** and sign the **2012 Membership Covenant** on the table in the narthex.

We are in need of members to sign up to be a part of the **2012 Altar Guild**. If you have never worked on the Altar Guild committee and would like more information please call Julie Sennhenn at 623-4471. Returning volunteers are encouraged to look over the sheet and pick a month or two that best works for you. *Sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex.*

Bulletin Sponsorship—The Bulletin Sponsor Chart for 2012 is on the table in the narthex. If you would like to celebrate, memorialized or honor some person or occasion, you might like to sponsor a worship bulletin. The cost for 2012 is \$30.00.

NEED SOME HELP? HIRE A YOUTH! Fall is a busy time of year for everyone and sometimes we find ourselves wishing for some help. Thankfully, we have a wealth of capable teens offering their hands! As you know, we have a great group of 15 teens who will be attending the National Youth Conference next summer in New Orleans, and from now until February 1, 2012 these teens have offered their help through the “Hire a Youth” program. Babysitting, yard clean-up, gift wrapping or any other project you may have, this multi-talented bunch is willing to help! For more details or questions, please contact Becky (Seibt) Klosowski at 623-2410 or Sara Yuds at 484-3579. As much notice as possible would be greatly appreciated and donations will be accepted which will help cover the expenses of their upcoming trip. Information cards can be found on the narthex table.

Looking Ahead!

New Habitat for Humanity ReStore in Baraboo needs your help - floor sales, restocking, go and make pickups of donated items, and clean up the items that are donated. Contact Bill or Dottie Schleichert by email fatkat@centurytel.net or call their cell phone, 608-697-4434.

The Columbus-Fall River Food Pantry could use our help with donations. With the current economic crisis and children returning to school, more people need the help of the food pantry and the shelves are emptying fast! Cash donations are always welcome. Any nonperishable item would be appreciated: cereal, Jell-O, spaghetti/spaghetti sauce, tuna, canned chicken, canned fruit, canned vegetables, rice/noodles, peanut butter, jelly, Tuna Helper, Hamburger Helper, Chicken Helper, instant potatoes, juice, pancake mix/syrup, soups, saltine crackers, cake mix/frosting.