

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

Please *silence* your **cell phone** during worship.

**A simple and convenient way to give.** Consider signing up for electronic giving. Faith Lutheran relies on the financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis. To give electronically, pick up the form located on the narthex table, fill out and return it to the church office.

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.	1-8	9:00	REFRESHMENT'S AND FELLOWSHIP TIME
		9:20	PreK-5th Grade Sunday School
		9:20	Kindergarten Bible Session w/Pastor Lisa
Mon.	1-9		PASTOR BOB'S DAY OFF
		6:30	Finance Committee Meeting
Tues.	1-10	10:00	Ministerial Association Meeting
		11:00	Staff Meeting
		6:30	2012 Spending Plan "Question and Answer Session"
		7:00	Council
Wed.	1-11	9:00	Anna Circle @ Jan Zahn's Home
		1:15	Scroll Circle @ E. Gaumitz's Home
		5:45	Confirmation Servant Event
		6:30	Bell Choir
		7:40	Faith Choir
Thur.	1-12	9:00	Volunteers to Assemble Annual Report
		6:30	Girl Scout Troop #1120
Sun.	1-15	8:00	Worship/HC
		9:20	PreK-5th Grade Sunday School
		10:30	Worship

### *Mark Your Calendar!*

- **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.
- **Worship committee** meets Tuesday, January 17 @ 5:30pm.

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## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

### SUNDAY ● JANUARY 8, 2012

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**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** at the 10:30 service 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.

**Chancel Flowers** this morning have been sponsored by John and Retta Kurth in honor and memory of Christopher Kurth on the anniversary of his baptism.

**Bulletins** this morning have been sponsored by DeAnn Gaska in honor of the birthday of her father Gene Adams.

**Received into the Body of Christ** through Holy Baptism this morning is **April Mae Campos**. Her sponsors are Lori Kikkert and Sandra Schieble.

**Our Christian Sympathies** to Ruth Nordal and family on the death of her aunt Ruth Jorgenson, Montevideo, MN on December 31, 2011.

**Prayer Triad for Sunday, January 8:** Hollandale Lutheran Church, Hollandale; Zion Lutheran Church, Horicon; St. Michael Lutheran Church, Hustisford; St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Fall River.

**Kindergarten students receiving Bibles** this morning are: Emily Anthon, Gavin Bruss, Devin Foulkes, Riley Kaminski, Ruby Larson, Abigail Miller, Greyson O'Brion, Samuel Salzman, Corbin Scheeler, Shavlik Schultz and Kevin Watrud.

The **2012 Spending Plan** approved by the council is available on the narthex table for pick-up. 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.

**Faith's annual meeting** will be on Sunday morning **January 22 at 9:30**. 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. We will not be having the late worship service.

**Something delicious to watch for!** The youth bound for New Orleans will be doing a fundraiser selling Super Bowl Sub Sandwiches. More details to follow.

**2011 Giving Statements** will not be mailed out. You may receive yours by snail mail, email or stopping in at the office. Please contact Ruth at 623-3610 or [faith@faithcolumbuswi.org](mailto:faith@faithcolumbuswi.org)

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. The Church of the Nazarene will host this event.

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.

**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.

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

We are in need of members to sign up to be a part of the **2012 Altar Guild**, **especially for the month of February**. *Sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex.*

The **Committee on Social Ministry** is reforming. The committee has two service ideas to try. One idea is to organize regular work groups for the Second Harvest Food Bank. The second effort is an expanded Campus Ministry effort to help stay in contact with our 18-24 year olds that are moving out into the world at college, tech, the military or the work force. If you would like to help plan either of these efforts please contact Scott Mathwich.

**BE SURE TO LET THE CHURCH OFFICE KNOW ABOUT HOSPITALIZATIONS!** The Columbus Hospital has adopted a new computer software system. With this new system the printed book that used to be available for pastors to check on members in the hospital is no longer available. That makes it even harder for the pastors to find church members in the hospital unless you let us know you are there. Also, when you are admitted to the hospital they should ask you if you would like a pastor visit. If you do not specifically say "yes" the hospital can't even tell us you are there. We want to visit Faith members when they are in the hospital. Please help us do that by having someone inform the church office of your hospitalization and authorizing pastoral visits in your admission interview.

**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!*

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.