

# ***Christ's Ambassador***



*CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH*  
**Preston, Minnesota**

***February 2012***

***AFFIRMATION OF MY BAPTISM***

*By the help of God I will continue in the covenant*

*God made with me in Holy Baptism:*

*to live among God's faithful people,*

*to hear His word and share in His supper,*

*to proclaim the good news of God in Christ*

*through word and deed,*

*to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus,*

*and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.*

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Shelley Fabian-Kraling & Erik Paulson

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**Church Office Hours:**

*Mon.-Thurs., 8:00 a.m.-12 noon; 12:30-4:00 p.m.*

**Worship Time:** Sunday mornings – 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday Lenten services – 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday School:** 10:10 – 11:10 a.m.

**Adult Education:** 10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

**Worship Assistants**

**Greeters**

**February**

5 Paul & Karen Schmidt & family  
12 Eric & Tiffany Scheevel & family  
19 9<sup>th</sup> graders  
22 **Ash Wednesday** 7<sup>th</sup> graders  
26 Jeff & Angie Bennett & family  
29 **Lent** 8<sup>th</sup> graders

**Lectors**

**February**

5 Braden Hahn  
12 Cami Jones  
19 Christian Harrison  
22 **Ash Wednesday** Elayna Kiehne  
26 Shelby Ebner / Trace Tollefson / Michael Harrison / Bronson Hahn  
29 **Lent** 6<sup>th</sup> graders

**Acolytes**

**February**

5 Riana Smith / Shelby Ebner  
12 Haley Ostrom / Elayna Kiehne  
19 Justin Ristau / Tyson Ristau  
22 **Ash Wednesday** Vaughan Schmidt / Cody Ristau  
26 Trace Tollefson / Kiel Larson  
29 **Lent** Bronson Hahn / Michael Harrison

**Communion Assistants**

**February**

5 Andy Bunge / Josh Krage /  
19 Jon Ebner / Josh Krage  
22 **Ash Wednesday** Wayne Dreier / Shelley Fabian-Kraling

**Altar Guild** – Sheila Marzolf / Mindy Parker / Paula Severson

**Ushers** – Youth

**Money Counters**

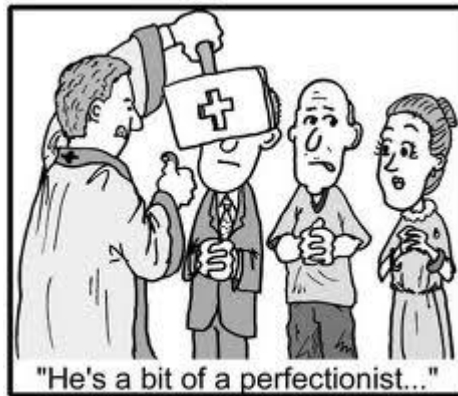
5 Darrel Olson & Bev Olson      19 Kevin Ostern / Dave Wilson  
12 DeWayne & Norma Vogt      26 Harrison's

# February Service Group

**Chairpersons:** Eric & Sue Ostrom; Ascher ..... 268-4262  
Keene, Doug & Tona; Connor.....507-696-1292

Albrecht, Casey & Shirley ..... 3608  
Alden, Dean & Lois ..... 507-937-3523  
\*Bahl, Sally ..... 507-273-2199  
Bakalyar, Carl & Arlene..... 2585  
\*Barth, Richard..... 507-346-9834  
Burmeister, Rich & Jackie..... 507-886-8252  
Every, Kevin & Joyce ..... 4484  
Hahn, Brenda..... 9817  
Herron, Melissa .....  
Herron, Stacy..... 5383  
\*Keck, Priscilla ..... 507-886-8021  
Kramer, Judith ..... 2347  
Mensink, Christopher & Kari ..... 2594  
Miller, Norm..... 2260  
Olson, Jerry & Diane ..... 3327  
Powell, Angie..... 507-450-9225  
Ristau, Brian & Heather ..... 507-937-3803  
Schmidt, Dave & Jeanette ..... 2358  
Solberg, Don & Phyllis ..... 2574  
Underbakke, Judi ..... 507-743-8466  
Wentworth, Kim & Tonya ..... 507-696-0830  
Wildgrube, Dick & Garaine ..... 2428

Scheduled Events: **DO DAY Coffee, February 15**



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# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## February

2/1 Marga Moen

2/2 Arlene Bakalyar, Stacy Herron; *Phil & Sandy Milne – Anniv.*

2/3 Bob Kramer, Dianne Ruud, Gatlin Woellert

2/4 Jamie Solberg

2/5 Jessica Broadwater, Jayden Reicks; *Dick & Gerri Hellickson – Anniv.*

2/6 Danae Ostern, Mary Irish

2/7 Bonnie Hahn, Michele Schwalbe

2/8 Melanie Hahn

2/10 Kayla Baker, Dick Hellickson, Sheila Marzolf; *Bob & Donna Conlan – Anniv.*

2/11 Wenonah Berkland, Carter Johnson

2/12 Shari May, Sandy Milne, Renee Ristau

2/13 Kendyl Sikkink

2/14 Pat Nelson, Josh Ristau, Travis Ristau; *Scott & Andrea Hellickson – Anniv.; Brad & Kate Lynne – Anniv.*

2/15 Rich Burmeister, Anita Turck; *Tony & Paula Severson – Anniv.*

2/16 Amos Anderson

2/18 Linda Britton, Kody Ebner, Shauna Hoff, Kayla Pierce, Casey Ristau, Janice Schultz; *Travis & Tammy Gatzke – Anniv.*

2/19 Amber Conlan, Keith Johnson, Diane Olson; *David & Rita Joerg – Anniv.*

2/20 Marion Anderson, Gunner Benson, Marcia Specht

2/21 Greg Hoff, John Knies

2/22 Dean Schumacher, Maxine Simonson, Stephanie Pechulis

2/24 Cadence Jones, Norma Vogt

2/26 Jessica Woellert

2/27 Jeff Buenger, Dan Christianson, Barb Hanning

2/28 Nicole Schwartz, Nathan Tienter; *Randy & Bonnie Hahn – Anniv., Terry & Rhonda Ostby – Anniv., Michael & Linda Smith – Anniv.*

2/29 Connie Aug

## **PASTORS PAGE - "A 'Fear Not' For Every Day in 2012"**

Did you know that 2012 is a "leap year"? Every four years February 29<sup>th</sup> is added to our calendar, giving us 366 days for the year instead of 365. Can you imagine what it would be like to be born on February 29<sup>th</sup>?

The onset of "leap year" reminds me of a true story from the life of Richard Wurmbrand, a Lutheran pastor from Romania, who was imprisoned both by the Nazis and the Communists. On the day he was arrested by the Communists, he was taken to a room where he was to be interrogated before being sentenced. It was not long before he began smiling. The Communist official in charge angrily asked him why he was smiling. Pastor Wurmbrand's response was, "I just remembered this year is 'leap year' and today is February 29<sup>th</sup>. There are 366 days this year and there are 366 'fear not's' in the Bible. That means that there is a 'fear not' for today."

Because I was interested in verifying this number, I looked up the words, "fear not", in an exhaustive concordance of the Bible. When I did not find 366, I wrote Pastor Wurmbrand and told him about this apparent discrepancy. He wrote back, indicating that in the original languages of Hebrew and Greek, there are 366 "fear not's". In finding this number he said that it is also necessary to include nuances of the word, "fear", such as "do not tremble" and "do not be terrified".

I am sure that all of us have had to deal with fear in our lives. Some fears can be rather slight and insignificant, whereas other fears can be paralyzing. The deep fear that I endured for many years was the "fear of abandonment". It began, without my knowing it, upon the death of my mother in a car accident when I was just one year old. Fear can have many forms, but perhaps the most powerful fear is the fear of death. We can have a fear of rejection, a fear of failure, a fear of the future, a fear of heights, a fear of losing control, fear of not having enough money, etc. To all of us who struggle with fear, Jesus would simply say to us, "Fear not".

Of the 366 "fear not's" in the Bible I will mention two, one from the Old Testament and the other from the New Testament. The first is from Isaiah 41:10, "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will uphold you with my victorious right hand." The second is from Revelation 1:17-18, "Fear not, for I (Jesus) am the first and the last and the living One. I was dead, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and Hades." Many of the "fear not's" in the Bible are followed by the words, "I am with you" or its equivalent. Knowing and believing that Jesus is near, lifts our fear and anxiety and brings us God's peace.

Let me conclude with one of my favorite "fear not's" in the New Testament. Jesus is speaking to his disciples (and to you and me) and he says, "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Luke 12:32

Pastor Dave

## **Sponsors needed for missionary in Malaysia**

You can be a sponsor for the Rev. Peter Harrits, ELCA missionary in Malaysia, where he mentors young adults serving ministries of the Basel Christian Church of Malaysia. Sponsors from the Pacifica and New England Synods and from Wisconsin and Minnesota are especially welcomed to minimize his travel time and maximize his effectiveness while on home assignment. For more information, write [missionarysponsorship@elca.org](mailto:missionarysponsorship@elca.org) or call 800-638-3522, ext. 2657.

## **Mexico: immerse yourself in "Seeds of Transformation"**

Partner with locally led Christ-centered organizations working in marginalized communities in Mexico City. Through stimulating site visits, lectures and cultural exchanges, explore Christ's model in addressing the roots of poverty of your local and global community and deepen discipleship within your team, small group, family or church. For upcoming trips and the latest immersion options see [www.elca.org/mexico](http://www.elca.org/mexico).

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## **GOOD EARTH VILLAGE**

Good Earth Village's Mission Statement is: "Good Earth Village is a place where the body of Christ is strengthened as people bear witness to Christ, care for creation, and live and learn in an environment of God's grace."

A Living Memorial...an enduring way to remember your loved ones and friends. There are Good Earth Village Memorial Packets available at Christ Lutheran Church that contain a Sympathy Card and envelope to be shared with the family that has had someone die. There is also a Gift Envelope to be returned to Good Earth Village. The packets state: "Your memorial gift will be used by Good Earth Village to bring spiritual renewal to people of all ages and to develop leaders for the church and community. Thank you for your partnership in this ministry."

Let us all join in this way to give a donation to Good Earth Village.

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**Upcoming Good Earth Village Youth Blast events!!!!** February 24 – 25 and March 9 – 10. Youth Blast events are for grades 3 – 6. These are for "an overnight and day filled with time to explore God's creation, and your own faith as well as games, hikes and lots of fun!" They start at 7:30 p.m. on Friday night until 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. If any of our 3rd – 6th graders are interested you should contact Good Earth Village at 507-346-2494 or at [info@GoodEarthVillage.org](mailto:info@GoodEarthVillage.org).

## ADULT CLASSES AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

### New Adult Class beginning Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>

A new DVD series entitled, "*The Life and Ministry of the Messiah*", will begin the first Sunday in February. In his teaching, Ray Vander Laan will take us on location to Israel. As in the past, Pastor Dave will lead us in a time of discussion. The class will continue to meet in the Fellowship Hall from 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. All adults are welcome, including young adults, 10<sup>th</sup> grade and older.

### **Couple's Monthly Fellowship Group**

The Couple's Fellowship group will meet in the Heritage Room at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. We begin the evening with a light supper and then Pastor Dave gives us a few Bible verses that can help our relationship as couples. We then have a time of open discussion and sharing. We meet from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. All couples, young and old are welcome! Please RSVP to Pastor Dave or Josh Krage (765-2259) if you plan to attend.

### **Men's Fellowship Groups**

The morning Men's Bible Study and Fellowship group will meet on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. and the evening group will meet on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Both groups meet in the Heritage Room.  
All men are welcome!

### **EXTENDED CALL**

**Good News!** The Christ Lutheran Council is pleased to announce that Pastor Dave, with the approval of the Synod, has agreed to an extended Interim call from Christ Lutheran. The call will extend through August 2014, allowing Christ Lutheran to establish new fellowship programs and to identify the long-term pastoral needs. We are thankful for the extended call and feel it is what's right for Christ Lutheran!

# Lent 2012

## **Ash Wednesday Service – February 22nd**

The important season of Lent in our church year begins with Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 p.m. on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Preceding the service there will be a fellowship Chili supper from 6:00 – 6:45 p.m. The service will include Holy Communion, the mark of ashes, and a message from Pastor Dave.

## **2012 Lenten Theme – “Facing Our Humanity with the Promises of God”**

Lent is a time when we are reminded of our humanity and also of our need for Jesus. As we meet each Wednesday during Lent, we will sing Lenten hymns, hear a word of witness from a different Christ Lutheran member, and receive a message from Pastor Dave. Our schedule for each evening will be a fellowship meal from 6:00 – 6:45 p.m., followed by a worship service from 7:00 – 7:45 p.m. Hope to see you there! And invite your friends!

## **Confirmation Schedule during Lent**

During Lent, our Confirmation schedule changes so that youth can join their families at the Lenten services. This will be the schedule during Lent, from February 22<sup>nd</sup> – March 28<sup>th</sup>:

**6:15 – 6:45 p.m.** – supper and Confirmation class with Pastor Dave in the library (we will be studying the Parables of Jesus)

**7:00 – 7:45 p.m.** – Lenten worship service in the Sanctuary

## **WOMEN OF THE ELCA**

### *~2012 Bible Study~*

*To Follow and to Serve: the Gospel of Mark*

*"Take heart; get up (Jesus) is calling you."* Mark 10:49b.

**February session: “Tough Questions”**

Theme verse: Mark 10:49

A continuation of Lesson 5, Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?" - a question Jesus poses to us today.

To order Lutheran Women Today (Gather) call 800-328-4648 or [subscriptions@augsborgfortress.org](mailto:subscriptions@augsborgfortress.org). Also check out [www.boldcafe.org](http://www.boldcafe.org)

\*Next **WELCA meeting** is March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

\*Thank you to Adie Milne, outgoing Mission Growth, for all her work on the WELCA Board.

....mark your calendars....

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

**MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2012**

**at Christ Lutheran Church**

**-Program on Malaysia-**

Watch the announcements for the time.

**Unofficial Minutes of the WELCA BOARD Meeting – 1-11-12**

**Members Present:** Norma Vogt, Phyllis Solberg, Sandy Amundson, Donna Dreier, Mary Lou Hansen, Marilyn Bunge, Merrily Dale & Eloise Hoff.

Devotions were given by Norma from “Daily Grace”, followed by the Purpose Statement.

The agenda was adopted with a motion made by Eloise seconded by Phyllis.

Subscriptions to “Gather”, the WELCA magazine, were ordered for new members, Sara Smith and Jonie Keune.

Thank you letters/notes were read from Pastor Dave, Dan Grabau, Val Christensen, Fillmore Family Resources and Winona Campus Ministry.

Norma reported that she had taken 41 items from the mitten tree to Social Services. Prior to our last meeting she had taken 50 items to FC Schools and the Food shelf. A total of 91 items were given this year.

**World Day of Prayer** will be held on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at Christ Lutheran. WATCH THE BULLETINS FOR THE TIME.

**OLD BUSINESS:**None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Norma will check with Pastor Dave regarding a date for installation of WELCA officers,
- 2) The proposed budget was reviewed. A motion by Donna with a second from Marilyn, the budget was approved.

Norma issued a motion to adjourn the meeting which was followed by praying together the Lord’s Prayer.

Next meeting to be announced.

*Respectfully submitted by Eloise Hoff, secretary*

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by Laurice Kneeskern

"Unbroken", non-fiction, by Laura Hillenbrand, author of Seabiscuit

This is an inspirational story which tells a harrowing tale demonstrating the inherent ability of a man to persevere under the most difficult of situations - how the smallest of successes and the elaborate mind-games enabled him and his fellow prisoners to retain the tiniest illusion that they had a hint of control over something in their lives, helping them to retain their sanity. The story contains many aspects of the human condition - man's inhumanity to man in the worst examples; resilience, leadership and strength in many; faith and forgiveness in the best of them.

In his life he had two major turn-arounds, one early in life and one much later. And his ability to unconditionally forgive his oppressors is incredible.

I am reluctant to say much about the book for fear of giving away too much, but the principal character is still living in Los Angeles at the age of 94.

A book that is difficult to put down.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\***The first Sunday of each month is designated to collect Food Shelf donations of non-perishable foods or monetary donations.** Donations will be received during the worship service on February 5<sup>th</sup> during offering. At that time those with donations will be asked to bring them to the altar in front of the church. Thanks for your support of our Food Shelf!

\***Congregational Bible Reading Plan - Don't forget to pick up your bookmark for February!** Bookmarks were in the January 29<sup>th</sup> bulletin & can be found on the tables in the narthex.

\*The **Hymn of the Month** for February is ELW #843, "***Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness***" written by Rusty Edwards in 1986. Edwards is an ELCA pastor, hymn writer, composer, grew up in Illinois, studied at Interlochen Arts Academy in Michigan, University of Nebraska, Luther Northwestern(now Luther) Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota and various graduate programs. While serving a church in Rockford, IL., he was a volunteer manager of the 2003 ELCA Youth Gathering in Atlanta. To quote from the ELW Hymnal Companion p. 729 "The hymn moves from praising the One who breaks the darkness and does other liberating deeds of mercy to the One who makes us one.

\*The **Hymn of the Season** for Lent is ELW #329 "***As the Sun with Longer Journey***". The text written by John Earls, Professor of English at St. John's University, Collegeville, MN, who sensed the need for Lenten hymns. To quote The ELW Hymnal Companion Earls wrote "As the Sun with Longer Journey" which uses the "sun's growing radiance" in "the season's yearly round" to point to trinitarian new life in baptism's "healing waters" The tune is composed by Carl F. Schalk, Lutheran Church musician, composer and writer.

\***NOTICE:** There are 3 large rolls of carpeting that were removed from the upstairs hallways last spring and have now been moved to the entryway downstairs. They are available to whoever can use them, on a first come basis and will remain there for a short time. If no one claims them, they will be taken to landfill.

\***Margaret Hemker, who is a member of our church, would appreciate it if she could be taken for a ride occasionally, which would help lift her spirits and she would enjoy just being able to get out of the house.** She would also like rides to church services. Her address is 640 Highway 52 East, which is just below Preston Apple and Berry Farm. Her niece and legal guardian has made this request for Margaret. If this is a gift you would like to give Margaret, you can either contact Ann Ott to make arrangements (765-3383) or contact Margaret directly (765-2366). Thank you!

\***Thrivent members** - continue to designate Choice Dollars to Christ Lutheran Church. This year dollars will be allocated to the Youth of our church. You may do so by calling 1.800-Thrivent (1-800-847-483) or on line Thrivent.com/Choice Dollars.

\*Every year, **the women of Christ Lutheran Church** join their hearts and hands in sewing quilts and assembling layettes and health, school and sewing kits to be distributed to people in need by Lutheran World Relief. You have an opportunity to join these women in one of several ways. **During February and March, Do Day members will be collecting bars of bath soap, in their original wrappings.** A brand new bar of soap contributes to cleanliness and dignity. These bars of soap are included in layettes and in health kits, and the remainder are packed in cartons, and sent to Lutheran World Relief for distribution. To help with the cost of shipping this soap, they have established the Project Comfort Fund to provide the funding to deliver gifts of love around the world. You can help with your donation to that fund. Bring a bar of soap with you next Sunday, and put it in the tub in the narthex. Consider a gift to the Project Comfort Fund, and put your check in the collection plate. Put your faith into action! Thank you for your support.

**Christ Lutheran Church Council**

## Unofficial Minutes of 01/11/2012 Meeting

President Jon Ebner called the meeting to order. Council members present were Dan Christianson, Wayne Dreier, Jon Ebner, Shelley Fabian-Kraling, Jim Keune and Pam Ristau. Members absent were Andy Bunge, Josh Krage and Eric Paulson.

A motion to accept the agenda with the addition of updating the Church membership list and the sale of stock given to the Church was made by Jim and seconded by Pam. Motion carried.

Devotions were led by Pastor Dave.

The first order of business was the election of officers:

-Jim made a motion to elect Jon Ebner as President, Wayne seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

-Jim made a motion to elect Andy Bunge as Vice President, Shelley seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

-Jim made a motion to elect Josh Krage as Secretary, Shelley seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

-Jim made a motion to elect Pam Ristau as Treasurer, Wayne seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The minutes from the December 15, 2011 were reviewed. Jim made a motion to accept the minutes, Pam seconded the motion and it was approved. It was suggested that whenever action was taken by the council that was going to be discussed with Church personnel or the congregation the information should be made known to the parties before it appears as an informational item in the unofficial minutes.

The Treasurer reviewed the Statement of Assets, Liabilities & Fund Balance, the Operational Budget vs. Actual and the Financial Secretary's reports for the calendar year. It was noted that income exceeded the budgeted expenditures by \$46,379.85 because of some special gifts. This allowed \$30,000 to be returned to the Capital Account where monies had been taken in 2011 to meet ordinary expenses. Dan made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Jim seconded the motion and it passed. Jim made a motion to pay a total of \$2,000 to the Campus Ministry/Luther Seminary accounts as was budgeted in 2011 but not paid and for 2012. Dan seconded the motion and it passed. It was also suggested that the Stewardship Team provide additional information to the congregation about 2011 contributions and special gifts.

### **Committee reports:**

**Pastor Dave:** The Christmas services with all of the groups and individuals involved went very well. Pleased with the January 1 service. Confirmation class resumed on January 4 and is now meeting at Christ Lutheran. Large screen TV unit is working well for both the Adult Class and youth groups.

The Adult Class "Surprised by Faith" resumed on January 8 with more people attending. A new class "That The World May Know" will begin on February 5.

The next couples fellowship will be held on January 22. It begins at 5:30 with a light meal and lasts one and one-half hours. Both the morning and evening men's Bible study groups are meeting each month with an average of 6 attendees for each group and more are welcome. Attended the Root River Conference meeting at Henrytown. The Lenten theme will be "Facing Ourselves And Our Humanity."

**Education Team:** Pam indicated they are still looking for a Kindergarten and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher.

**Evangelism Team:** Shelley said they discussed our Church website and wondered if this should be a 2012 priority. She was asked to gather more information about what might be included on the website as well as who would update it and report back at the February council meeting.

**Property Team:** Wayne reported the team is and has been concerned about the boiler which was installed when the church was built over 50 years ago. The council asked the team to gather more information and keep the council updated. They were also asked to find backup for Dan Grabau when he has to be absent for personal or health reasons. It was decided to provide Dan with a debit card for purchasing various Church supplies.

**Stewardship:** They have not yet met in January but are planning to find a date that will work.

**Worship:** Felt the 2011 Advent & Christmas services were satisfactory, reviewed the Lenten theme and schedule, reported the Adult Choir is suspended at the present time and are looking at other possibilities for choral music.

**Youth:** The Youth Gathering Committee is focusing on the 2012 "Gathering in New Orleans", planning to keep the Senior & Junior Groups separate and are looking into ways to help people in the Harmony/Preston communities.

### **Old Business:**

A. Reviewed Pastor Dave's interim position.

B. Asked each Team to provide Amanda with a list of members with when they became members of the team as well as the team's function and responsibilities.

### **New Business:**

A. Dan and Wayne were asked to review the constitution with the goal of determining what constitutes an active member. They were also asked to see if there are any areas that should be updated. Their findings will be shared with the council who will determine if there are changes that should be recommended to the congregation.

B. Jim made a motion to sell the stock given to the Church while retaining a minimal amount in the brokerage account to avoid maintenance fees. Dan seconded the motion and it passed. Pam was also asked to contact the donor to see if the proceeds should go into the general account.

C. The Evangelism team was asked to look at updating our membership list. If the council can provide a clear definition of membership categories, this will be shared with the Evangelism Team.

D. Pastor Dave gave the new and existing members of the council some guidance regarding their role as communion assistants. This was helpful and it was suggested that Pastor Dave and the Worship Team provide a similar session with the ushers.

The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer and it was noted the next meeting will be held on February 8 at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted by Wayne Dreier, Secretary Pro Tem

### **ALTAR PAINTINGS:**

The January Ambassador had information about the Altar paintings that are in the West hallway from the two previous churches with a question about the third painting of the angel appearing to the shepherds. One of our members reported that Vincent Peterson may have painted it. Vincent grew up in Preston, graduated from high school here and now lives in Pennsylvania. Does anyone else have further information to share? Vincent also painted the two painting that are often on the East wall in the Narthex. Vincent and his brother Arlen visited friends and family here over the years and provided special music at worship many times usually concluding with The Irish Blessing. Does anyone else have something to share? We would love to hear from you.

**ELCA GOOD GIFTS CATALOG:** Just a reminder to check out the ELCA Good Gifts Catalog in the Narthex. There are good gift ideas for any occasion - birthdays, anniversaries, thank-you's, memorials and more. We are a very blessed congregation and are called to share as a congregation and as individuals with those who in so many ways need our help. God bless you' in your giving and sharing.

**ELCA YOUTH GATHERING-**

### ***Valentine's Dinner Fundraiser***

Our New Orleans trip youth invite you to attend a special Valentine's meal on Sunday, February 12, from 5-7pm at Christ Lutheran. We have the honor of serving a meal of Shrimp Scampi and Chicken Scampi prepared by our local chef, Dave Harrison. You will enjoy an incredible meal with delicious sides and desserts, and treated with impeccable service presented in the comfortable atmosphere of the fellowship hall by candlelight and live music. Tickets must be purchased in advance and entrée chosen at time of purchase. Tickets are available from each of the youth attending the Gathering and also can be purchased from Amanda in the church office.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

*Karen Schmidt, Nancy & Dave Harrison, Sammi Bakke, Braden Hahn, Nathaniel & Christian Harrison, Cami Jones, Kiel & Cal Larson, Morgan Malley, Vaughan Schmidt, Katie Tammel, Trace Tollefson and Gatlin Woellert*

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## ATTENTION YOUTH!

Christ Lutheran Youth and Family Event- Open Rock Climbing at Eagle Bluff Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> - Time to be announced. Tennis shoes and completed Medical Release Form required for admission. Youth under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Cost is \$10 per person for non-members of Christ Lutheran Church. Please contact Nancy Harrison to sign up and to get the required medical release forms. Call Nancy Harrison at 272-4245 or email her at [nancy@pamristaucpa.com](mailto:nancy@pamristaucpa.com).

# February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> *All- Team Night*	<b>2</b> 1:00 Christ's Quilters	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
			6:00 Confirmation (P) 6:30 Property Team 6:30 Evangelism Team 7:00 Worship Team 7:30 Education Team 7:35 Youth Team 8:00 Stewardship Team		- Companions of Colombia Gathering - at Villa Maria, Frontenac	
<b>5</b> 9:00 Worship / Communion 10:10 Sunday School 10:15 Adult Ed. class 10:15 Coffee & Fellowship 11:00 Radio Broadcast	<b>6</b> 6:30 Handbells	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 1:00 Christ's Quilters	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
			6:00 Confirmation (P) 7:00 Council (note time change)			
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