

The Trumpeter

St. Michael's Lutheran Church Newsletter

December 2011

From the Pastor's Desk....

As we enter Advent, I have been thinking about all sorts of devotions or studies to emphasize. You know, something to stand up front with and say, "This is the thing we are going to do together this Advent"—perhaps doing so while smiling and while holding booklets to pass out. But, honestly, nothing by way of a devotion or study stuck out to me. Nothing. Nothing screamed, "This is the one."

On the other hand, I still felt we should have something—this is Advent, after all! The impulse to offer something was strong but the resource with which to do so was proving difficult.

Then I began to think about it more. What is it with this impulse? I began to think about what the desired outcome of a devotional or a study would be. It is, of course, a deeper time of preparing for Jesus leading up to Christmas. I truly want that to happen—to have Advent be a time of joyful anticipation; to have Advent be a time of renewing, re-centering, and even release. My hope is that these are something that would make Jesus' arrival at Christmas that much more powerful. This is what the devotional should accomplish. We could all use a moment to take a deep breath, to sit back and enjoy what gifts we already have, and to experience Christ. Well, it's not a devotional, but there is something that sticks out to me that could accomplish this. It is a cause that could motivate us to the same end

December Birthdays and Anniversaries

1- Joyce Marshall, Dean & Mildred Baker; 4-Duane and Bethany Horst; 5- Ryan Corsi; 8-Mildred Fetter-Baker; 9-Debbie Rehm; 17-Ellie Brillhart, Frank Reichard; 18- Foxx Gabel; Brian Marthey; 19-Kirstyn Thut; 22- Brock Thut; 24-Lisa Gwin; 25-Carol Weygandt; 27-Alan & Martha Martin; 28-Lydia Marthey

as the devotional would have. To find out about it, this is a link to a website you should visit: <http://www.adventconspiracy.org/> (I'll post it on St. Michaels' Facebook page for easy access.)

The Advent Conspiracy is about finding a certain depth in these weeks leading up to Christmas. It is about taking the season of Advent and living fully instead of racing around and being consumed. This sticks out to me. It is something I would like to be influenced by and something that I hope is beneficial: to slow down, spend less, worship fully, give more, and love all.

Pastor John

Noteworthy This Month

Advent Services will be held each Wednesday beginning November 30th with sandwiches & chips at 6:00pm, worship service at 6:30pm; and family activities at 7:00pm

St. Michael's Youth will present a Live Nativity on December 11th from 4:00 to 7:00pm. Refreshments will be served. A free will offering will be collected to benefit God's Global Barnyard.

December 18 – People to People Sunday

Congregation members desiring 2012 collection envelopes may sign up for them in the Narthex November 27, December 4, and December 11.

Envelopes for 2012 will be distributed December 18. Using your envelope

will ensure that your contributions will be tracked for tax purposes. Loose checks will no longer be tracked. Those paying by mail via bank transaction should make arrangements with the Financial Secretary. Please direct your questions to Marcia Brueck or any member of the Finance Committee.

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This Month's Assistants:

Altar Guild – Jerri Forrer & Noretta Yoho

December 4:

Assisting Minister – Marcia Brueck
Greeters – Jeanne & John Wasson
Reader- Heidi Brillhart
Communion Assistants – Art & Myrtle Martin
Acolytes – Harold Sandman (early); Markus Warren, Garrett Kanya (late)
Coffee Hour – Open

December 7: Advent Service

Acolytes: Maggie Bell, Sarah Galehouse

December 11:

Assisting Minister – Kathy Thut
Greeters – Mary, Mallory, Mark, Maggie & Macy Bell
Reader- Mary Ann Berg
Acolytes – Harold Sandman (early); Brandon Edgell, Brock Thut (late)
Coffee Hour – June & Rosalie Rehm

December 14: Advent Service

Acolytes – Lindsey Richard, Emily Horst

December 18:

Assisting Minister –Kim Galehouse
Greeters – Kathy & Dave Berger
Reader- Jerry Berg
Communion Assistants – Randy & Heidi Brillhart (late)
Acolytes – Harold Sandman (early); Macy Bell, Mora Marshall
Coffee Hour – New Orleans Youth

December 21: Advent Service

Acolyte – Lindsey Richard, Jarret Richard

December 24:

Assisting Minister – Mary Ann Berg (early); Rob Kanya (late)
Greeters – Lisa & Brian Gwin (early); Beth & Duane Horst (late)
Reader- Marcia Brueck (early); Dave Berger (late)
Communion Assistants – Fritz & Shelly Kauffman (early); Bruce Myers & June Rehm (late)
Acolytes – Justin & Trent Kauffman (early); Emily Horst, Maggie Bell (late)

December 25: 9:30 AM

Assisting Minister – Denise Uitto
Greeters – Sharon & Don Brillhart
Reader- John Douglass
Communion Assistants – Chuck & Denise Uitto
Acolytes–Hannah Galehouse, Sarah Galehouse