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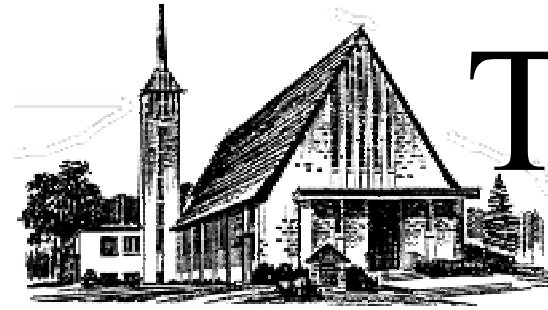
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The Friend

Serving God, His People, and our Community

January, 2011

A Parsonal View

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined."
Isaiah 9:2

The briefest, darkest day of the year has yet to arrive as I write; by the time you read this, that day will have passed, and the days will already have begun to lengthen. Some observe with fascination the addition or subtraction of daylight hours: 34 seconds less today; 34 seconds more one day in January. Others revel in the brisk air and low light, taking time for outdoor sports, indoor projects or a good book. Many are busy fending off Seasonal Affective Disorder—appropriately nicknamed SAD. My computer pops up with an ad for a "Light Therapy Box" for only \$79.90! Mayo Clinic's website assures me that Light Therapy is indeed an effective treatment for SAD. My fingers linger over the "Order Now" button. In the lengthening days after Christmas, Jesus, "Light of the Word" is an image that takes hold as we enter Epiphany--the Season of Light, or enlightenment—just as our solar system takes up its annual habit of lengthening daylight hours. The season's gospel readings follow Jesus through his baptism at the Jordan River,

the LORD's voice breaking through the clouds to proclaim Jesus as the Beloved Son, the "great light" Isaiah spoke of centuries earlier. We'll sing "This Little Light of Mine" during worship, a reminder that Jesus empowers us to carry this Light everywhere we go.

Offerings gathered before Christmas are now being distributed to people around Duluth, even around the world: Health kits to the homeless, food gifts to the hungry, letters to the lonely, baby gifts for newborns and toys to cheer children who have little else. Darkness persists for so many people, yet through our ministry God continues to break through clouds of SADness. Just as light shared becomes ever brighter, love shared multiplies exponentially, warming giver as well as recipient.

So, although the cold of January remains, we re-ignite the flame, cup hands around the candle, and carry the Light, sharing that which imparts true heat, energy and light: Jesus, effective Light Therapy for the world!

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." John 1:5

Pastor Chris

VLM INVITES YOU TO
SPEND MORE TIME AT
CAMP!

Winter Fun Day at Camp Vermilion

Saturday, February 26 1-4pm \$5/person
Enjoy a winter afternoon at camp, with
sledding, cross country skiing, relaxing in
the sauna and perhaps even a polar
plunge! Cider, hot chocolate and snacks
will be available throughout the
afternoon.

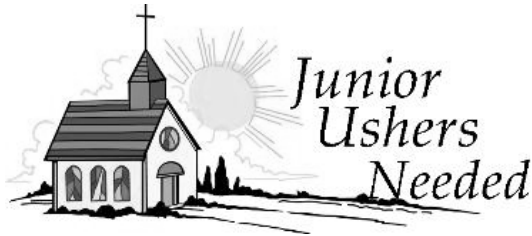
Paddle Building Workshop

March 4 - 6 at Camp Vermilion \$200 per
person. This includes materials, program,
lodging and meals. Lee Dybvig will lead
this instructional retreat and each
participant will take home their own
paddle, created with their own two hands!
What a great way to spend a weekend at
camp! Space is limited so register early!

Elementary Rejuve

March 25-26 at Camp Hiawatha \$35 per
camper ~ chaperones are free
An overnight retreat for 3rd-6th graders.
Enjoy all the fun of camp packed into an
overnight retreat. Cost includes program,
lodging, meals and snacks. A great way
to check out camp before the summer!

For more information or to register for
any of these events, contact the camp
office at 218-666-5465 or
vlm@VLMcamps.org



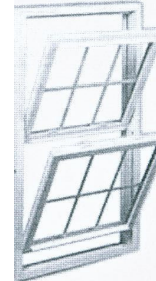
I'm looking for some good "Junior
Ushers" (youth in grades 2-6 or so) who
would be willing to help with the
distribution and collection of the
friendship sheets. If you are interested,
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leave a note in the Lay Ministry
mailbox or place a note in the offering
plate. THANKS!



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CHURCH NOTES
WORTH KNOWING

- We recycle inkjet cartridges. We receive money for each cartridge put into the box outside Fellowship Hall, by the Martin Luther Room. Collect them from your office, friends and relatives. **NO EPSON PLEASE!**
- **The sign up sheet for flowers** for the altar is on the bulletin board outside the church office. This is a great way to memorialize a loved one.
- The church office needs to know **if your address or phone number has changed.** Please put us on the list of people to tell that you have moved. This saves time, postage (\$) and missed communications.

Parish Planning Council

Jon Thornton, President	624-8090
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Web Page: Jennifer Simonson	624-3648
Parish Secretary: Cheryl Reynolds	624-3648
Editor of The Friend: Cheryl Reynolds	624-3648
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Youth: Eric Beckner	464-2636
Sun. School Coordinator AL Young	269-9871



Sunday School classes are undergoing a short sabbatical for the remaining few weeks of the Christmas/ New Year's Holidays. Please enjoy the extra hour of sleep on **December 19th**, **December 26th**, and **January 2nd**. I look forward to seeing smiling faces grace our classroom again come **January 9th**. Thank you to all the kids who participated in our Christmas play. I had a wonderful time, and the kids were absolutely fantastic! It was a play (day) to remember. Also, a quick reminder about the Variety Show I would be interested in organizing come March (I sent out some letters to congregation members about the design). If you didn't get a proposal letter, or would like more information about the event, please look at the billboard outside my office, or, better yet, give my room a knock or my phone a ring.

Thank you,
AL Young, Sunday School Coordinator



Happy New Year! Confirmation will be starting up again on Sunday, January 9th. Pastor Chris and myself are looking forward to digging into our Bibles and workbooks with all of the students. On Tuesday, January 11th the youth will be doing a fundraiser along with the Evangelism/Social Ministry Team doing a Chili Cook-Off. Students will be **required** to assist with this. Also, I would like some parent feedback as to what/if any trips the kids would like to do this summer. I have been looking into Youth Works as a mission trip option, as well as I fully plan on taking a trip down to Sonshine Festival again this summer. Any feedback would be appreciated! I hope everyone's Holiday season was great and I wish you all a Happy New Year!

Eric, Youth Coordinator

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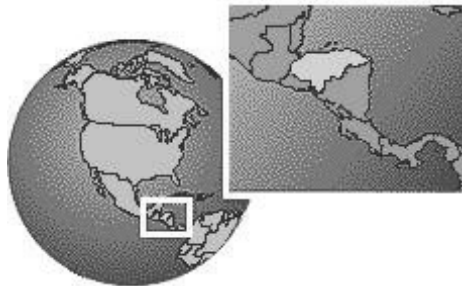


CHILI FEED

Our annual Chili Feed for missions will be held on January 11 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. The cost will be \$7.00 for all you can eat Chili. There will be a contest for the best tasting chili. People are encouraged to bring enough of their favorite chili to the dinner along with a \$20 entry fee. The \$20 will be placed in a general award pot to be given to the winner of the best tasting chili voted on during the dinner. \$6 of each ticket sold will go into the West Duluth Pastor's Emergency Fund. \$1 of each ticket sold will go to Our Savior's Youth for their mission trip this coming summer. Please consider supporting this event. We are in need of chili entries and treats for dessert. Contact Dave Thornton, Jen Conboy, Kris Benson, Kathy Hein or Alice DeLawyer for tickets or information.

HELP SUPPORT OUR MISSIONARY

From Feb. 17 -26 Dave Thornton will join the synod mission trip to an orphanage in Honduras. The orphanage will get help on construction of new classrooms and more missionary residence space. The children will also get to interact with the mission team in a Bible school environment. The construction projects can be supported by buying a \$25 share in the work being done down there. Dave Thornton will take the money with him and hand it over to the orphanage supervisor. There is also a need for fresh new sheets and small baby blankets. Games for kids and coloring books and supplies would also be useful. You can go on line to see the mission by visiting www.hhmmission.org



January Birthdays

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Lenny Lund | 24 Tanner Hagen |
| 2 Sharon Larson | Kathy Janzig |
| 3 Sue Modean | Derek Merrier |
| 4 Bobbi DeFrang | 25 Aubrie |
| Haley Ettestad | Bourgoyne |
| Anna Pozniak | Kelsey Mlodozyniec |
| 5 Brayley Merrier | |
| Kelsey Turcott | |
| 6 Adrianna Bail | |
| Jennifer Hagen | |
| Chrissy Macdonald | |
| DeeDee Olson | |
| 7 Tim Mlodozyniec | |
| Justin Olson | |
| 9 Paul Danielson | |
| Drew Nelson | |
| 10 Jen Conboy | |
| Dreydin Hill | |
| 11 Allison Ruhnke | |
| 13 Phill Janzig | |
| 15 Wendy Dane | |
| Dawn Janzig | |
| Darlene Ketchum | |
| Nate Rustad | |
| 17 Dan Buetow | |
| June Lindberg | |
| Keely Lofald | |
| 20 David Stojevich | |
| 21 Eryn Mlodozyniec | |
| Ryan Soule | |
| 22 Cheryl Reynolds | |
| 23 Nate Anderson | |
| 24 Carol Fike | |

Church Secretary Hours

Monday	Off
Tuesday	9-5
Wednesday	9-4
Thursday	9-4
Friday	9-12

Church Custodian Hours

Monday	9-2
Tuesday	Off
Wednesday	9-2
Thursday	9-2
Friday	9-2

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PARISH PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING

November 2, 2010

Present: Jonathan Thornton, Roger Lofald, Pastor Chris Anttila, John (Jake) Jacobson, Sherm Carlson, Jan Thornton, Jen Conboy, Anita Fraundorf, Cathy Hannan, Shari Mlodozyniec, Theresa Jacobson **Absent:** Roxanne Bijold, Dave Miller, Deb Jacobson, Mike Simonson

Minutes: Shari Mlodozyniec
Meeting called to order at 6:25pm Devotions by Pastor Chris Anttila

Approval October Minutes

If co-chairing only one chair need be present (not marked absent) No other corrections needed. Roger moved to accept. Jake second motion. Approved

Treasurer Report Checkbook balance: 41.50 Over due benevolence & bills \$705.00 Insurance premium up \$1000.00 from last yr
Security (Theft) concerns: Increased activity in recent months (2 purses + Xbox) Pastor Chris shared other West Duluth churches experiencing theft. Discussion followed about prevention/increased presence within church. Ushers will man back doors and walk throughout building during church service to increase visibility/security.

Proposed 2011 Budget presented by Stewardship Team

Stewardship presented proposed 2011 budget: results = \$20,000 deficit.
Ministry teams present discussed items to reduce/eliminate. Further evaluation of expenditures of expenses needed outside PPC mtg. Discussed opportunities to educate the congregation about deficit and another effort to increase giving (next 2 Sundays) – If each giving unit increased pledge by \$12.50/mo we would balance the budget. Sponsorship of other members discussed. More work needed to identify membership – Membership Responsibility List discussed.
- Increase in giving cards in bulletin

- Sherm to talk with Congreg. Wk 1
- Jon to address congreg. Wk 2
- Brief PPC mtg 11/21
Congregational Meeting Date Date set for Congregational meeting - December 12, 2010 at 11:30 AM

Pastor's report Activities attached
First Healthy Families event held last night – 70 attended Soul Food
Next PPC mtg 12/7/2010 at 6:30pm
Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm. Motion to adjourn by Cathy Hannan. Motion second by Roger Lofald. Passed

Special Parish Planning Council Meeting Our Savior's Lutheran Church November 21, 2010

Present: Jonathan Thornton, Roxanne Bijold, Cathy Hannan, Mike Simonson, Deb Jacobson, Theresa Jacobson, Jen Conboy, Sherman Carlson, Roger Lofald
The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am by President Jon Thornton, for the purpose of discussing and endorsing the 2011 proposed church budget to be distributed to the membership next Sunday, November 28. The budget reflects a deficit of \$15,287 with no staff salary increases, and ministry teams cutting expenses as much as possible. Sherm recommended dividing the full budget into two six-month budgets, to be reviewed in June, 2011. If we are showing a significant deficit at that time, then we may need to consider action steps. The costs of maintaining our facility may be greater than our present membership can support. Deb Jacobson moved that the Parish Planning Council support the 2011 budget with a \$15,287 deficit, to be brought to the congregation for a vote on December 12, 2010. Seconded by Roger Lofald. Motion passes. Updates on financials related to budget will be presented at the February and May, 2011 congregational meetings. The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 am.
Submitted by: Roxanne Bijold

MINISTRY IN ACTION

With the start of a new calendar year, the Lay Ministry Team is re-organizing/re-starting the Prayer Chain which will be called "Prayer in Action". We will not be including every member in the "chain" but asking for volunteers willing to pray for our members and friends, for our church, its leadership and ministry. We need a Coordinator (someone who receives the information and activates the prayer groups), prayer volunteers willing to be in an e-mail group and prayer volunteers willing to make telephone calls.

Please prayerfully consider being part of this vital ministry. If you are so moved, fill out the information to the right and return it to the office, to the Lay Ministry mailbox, or place it in the offering plate. Thanks and bless you from Lay Ministry Team Leader, Anita Fraundorf.



PRAYER IN ACTION

Name

Telephone number(s)

I would like to (check those that apply):

_____ be the Coordinator

_____ be in a telephone contact group

_____ be in an e-mail contact group (print your e-mail address below)

e-mail:



If you've been in church on a Sunday or two in the last 6 weeks, you hopefully have noticed (and filled out!) one of the new "friendship sheets" that are being distributed to the pews. I know, I hear you grumbling about filling it out each week but thank you for continuing to sign your name! It's a sad fact that we are often too busy doing (or thinking about our "to do" list) that we don't always notice who is attending each week. And worse, we don't always notice who's NOT attending until too many weeks have gone by. We want to keep in touch with our church family and this is one way easy way we can do that!



HEALTHY FAMILIES IN
WEST DULUTH

Join us for our January Healthy Families Project. This month we will focus on Wellness & Self Care. We will meet on January 17 at 6pm in Fellowship Hall.

Mark your calendars for our upcoming classes: a CPR class on February 7, and Meals for 4 under \$10 on March 7.

CHUM WISH LIST

Following are items needed for families and guests of CHUM's Emergency Shelter, Permanent Support Housing Facility and Food Shelf. For more information, contact CHUM at 720-6521.

Day Planners
Portfolios with dividers
Electric alarm clock
Vacuum cleaners
Cleaning buckets
Cleaning supplies
Brooms/dust pans
Towels
Wash clothes
Bunk beds
Totes
Laundry baskets/detergent
\$ for mattresses (\$120 ea)
Large baby diapers (size 2 and up)
Baby wipes
Baby shampoo
Kids underwear from 3T through 8
New white socks
New fingernail clippers
New chap sticks
New men's and women's underwear
Hand sanitizer
Bowls
Toilet paper
Coffee
Napkins



There are so many people that do so much around the church, most often behind the scenes. This is a page to recognize those who help get things done! So if you have anyone you would like to thank, just drop a note in my (*secretary*) box outside the office.

Thank you to. . .

Bob Lippert, Bob, Riley & Alex Jenko, Esther Schroeder, Sherman Carlson, Gordy Peterson, Sandy Andler and Esther Schroeder for putting up the Christmas tree.

Carol Fike, Kris Benson, Cathy Hannan, and Jennifer Simonson for painting our outdoor signs. A tremendous amount of time goes into these works of art.

Kathy Janzig, Jan Thornton, and Kris Benson for monthly blood pressure and blood sugar checks for our congregation and for the Food Shelf clients.

Betty Melde for her encouragement and support of the bell program. The *Christmas Carillon* medley of carols that we played during the service on December 19 was purchased in her honor.

Everyone who helped put the children's Christmas program on.



Naomi Circle

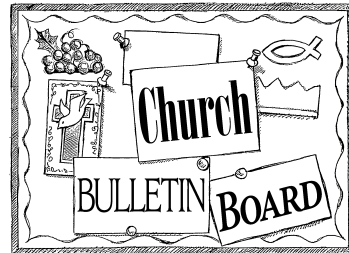
There will be no Naomi Circle meeting in January

Dorcas Circle

Dorcas Circle meets the 2nd Thursday, of each month 9:30am in Fellowship Hall.

Rebekah Circle

In January, Rebekah Circle members will help in serving the Chili supper in place of a meeting.



Be sure to check the bulletin boards on the sanctuary level for community happenings. There are lots of fun things to do and there is a lot of info that you might find interesting.



The annual Potato Bar is scheduled for Sunday, March 13, 2011 in the fellowship hall following the service. You can enjoy a baked potato with all the "fixin's". The cost is only \$6 which includes beverage and dessert. Thank you in advance for helping us raise money for the bell program!

Ash Wednesday is March 9th this year...That means Easter is April 24.

The Pork Loin Dinner is tentatively set for May 5

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