

CHURCH NOTES

January 15, 2012

THE CHURCH CALENDAR

Today		Mount Reports Due
	8:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service /w Holy Communion
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
	6:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Braille #1
	1:00 p.m.	Braille #13
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Day Group ChristCare
	9:30 a.m.	Daytrippers
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Quilting
	6:15 p.m.	Celebration Ringers
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Thursday	9:15 a.m.	Braille #12
	9:30 a.m.	Pastor's Bible Class (Parish Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Pick-Up Basketball (gym)
	7:00 p.m.	Night Group ChristCare (Miyauchi's Home)
	7:00 p.m.	Women's ChristCare
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Men's ChristCare

FLOWERS/LANDSCAPING

Flowers are placed on the altar today to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for His many blessings by Allan and Deborah Pundt in honor of their 43rd Wedding Anniversary, on January 16th. Thank you for this service of love.

WE LOVE CHILDREN and are happy they are here with us. Just as a child learns to speak by imitating the voice of mom or dad, so too a child learns to worship by participating in the service at an early age. We have a beautifully equipped and staffed nursery in the Ministry Building. It is open for all young children. Parents can also use it when quieting a child or changing a diaper. The service can be heard in the nursery. An usher can direct you. Thank you for your help. We do ask that sick children not be left in the nursery for the well being of the other children there. **PLEASE NOTE:** Due to insurance regulations only nursery staff and family members who are dropping off or picking up children are permitted beyond the counter in the nursery.

MY QUIET CHURCH BAGS ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR CHILDREN: Having children in the worship service is a sign of a healthy, and growing, congregation. They contain coloring books, crayons, Bible Story books, and other goodies that will be "new" to your child. They are available in the narthex (just ask an usher). We just ask that you put them back after the service so that they can be used again by another child—ENJOY!

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

1. **Adult Bible Class:** 9:45 a.m. in the gym. Today, Chaplain Hokana will be teaching the Adult Bible Class.
2. **Children's Sunday School:** 9:45 a.m. **Nursery/Kindergarten (age 3 and up)** meet in the gym; **grades 1-3** meet upstairs in room 202; **grades 4-6** meet upstairs in room 204; **grades 7-8** will meet in the High School classroom; **High School** meets upstairs in room 218. Grades 1-6 go directly to your classroom.
3. **Bread of Life:** Today we continue viewing Dr. Paul Maier's DVD Series **Christianity: The First Three Centuries From Christ To Constantine**. Today we will begin a new Paul Maier DVD series called **The Odyssey of St. Paul**. This adult class, taught by Wanda & Larry Laxson, meets on Sunday at 9:45 in the Parish Hall.

THE ODYSSEY OF ST. PAUL—Today the Bread of Life adult class will begin a new study by Dr. Paul Maier called *The Odyssey of St. Paul*. This DVD series was filmed on location in Israel, Greece, Italy and Turkey and covers the life, ministry and teachings of St. Paul, one of the most written about figures in history. The class meets in the Parish Hall and is taught by Wanda & Larry Laxson.

CHRISTCARE SMALL GROUPS

Day Group – Joy Miller – 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 9:00-10:30 a.m. at Mt. Calvary in the Parish Hall. Will resume January 17th.

Night Group – Jan Miyauchi – 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at 2219 Peach Blossom.

Women – Tammy Copello – 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Mt. Calvary in the Parish Hall.

Men – Jay Miller – 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 8:00-9:30 a.m. at Mt. Calvary in the Parish Hall.

Mothers – Wanda Laxson – 1st & 3rd Mondays, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Mt. Calvary in the Parish Hall.

OUR THANKS TO LTC Steve Hokana for his message today. He will also teach the Adult Bible Class this morning. Pastor DeVries will return to the office on Tuesday morning.

JOIN US FOR THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS taught by Pastor DeVries on "Digging Deeper into Lutheran and Biblical Doctrine". Find out things you many have never known before.

HIGH SCHOOL CLASS – Are you an accident? Or were you designed by a loving God that knows you inside and out? We are in a battle of worldviews – a battle of ideas, and ideas have consequences. We just started a DVD series called *Discover Creation*, that discredits evolution and proves creation by our loving Father through fossils, geology, anatomy, biology, etc. Class meets at 9:45 a.m. sharp on Sunday mornings, upstairs in room 2218. If you have any questions, please contact Robyn White at RMuellerWhite@yahoo.com

COLLEGE AGE/YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL is back. Linda Sefton will be teaching the three first Sundays of January (the 1st, 8th, and 15th). In those 3 sessions, we will be studying Jacob (the man who wrestled with God, and why we should all be more like him!); Samson, Samuel, and John the Baptist (who were all set apart by God from conception); the Nazirite vow, and how it all applies to us. Then, on January 22nd, Laura Pulliam, DCE, will begin teaching the class, which will now meet year-round. Class will meet at 9:45 a.m. sharp, upstairs, in room 210. For questions, please contact Linda Sefton at: lindasefton@yahoo.com.

SUNDAY SERVICE CD'S AVAILABLE – CD's only for Sunday's services are available upon request. Please sign the sheet in the narthex or call the church office if you would like one made for you. They will be available for pick up the following Sunday barring no technical difficulties. Cost is \$2.00. Thank you.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES are the 1st and 3rd Sunday evening of the month at 6:30 p.m.

COFFEE MAKERS ARE NEEDED!! Sign up today in the gym to help prepare coffee on Sundays! Just write your name on the calendar for the Sunday you would like. For details, see Susan. The Coffee Crew Calendar is in the gym kitchen on the counter. Thank you!

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES FOR 2012 are available in the narthex. If you cannot find one with your name on it, please contact Susan in the church office so a box can be assigned to you.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS will meet Monday, January 23rd, at 7:00 p.m. The Church Council will meet the same evening at 8:15 p.m.

PLANNING COMMITTEE will meet on Tuesday, **January 31st**, at 7:30 p.m.

DAYTRIPPERS will be visiting the McNay Art Museum this Tuesday, January 17th, 2012. Please be at the church by 9:30 a.m. Sign up today in the Parish Hall narthex.

ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS: You have until March 31st to have Thrivent direct your Choice Dollars. You can do this on their website Thrivent.com or call 800-847-4836. Please call Robin Mittwede if you have questions.

ME, A PASTOR? ME, A DEACONESS? If you have found yourself asking this question, now is the time to discuss your future! Rev. Neil Ray of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, is going to be in Texas from January 30th – February 3rd. Come and explore the possibilities! Men of all ages are invited, as are their wives, fiancées, and parents. Women interested in the deaconess program are also invited, along with their families. Conferences are individual and informal. Reservations are not required; however, if you are able, please phone Rev. Ray at 260-452-2278 or his mobile at 260-452-0979 or feel free to e-mail him at neil.ray@ctsfw.edu to make an appointment. Rev. Ray will be at Concordia Lutheran Church (16801 Huebner Road, 479-1477) on Wednesday, February 1st from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR – January 22nd, “Living a Life With Purpose” - Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz. In Christ, God has a plan for you-a life with purpose, life to its fullest measure, life in Him-for others. (Mark 1:14-20)

Times/Stations: 6:00 a.m. on WOAI 1200 AM; 9:00 a.m. on KAWZ 88.5 FM; or KWED 1580 AM (Seguin)

ELDERS FOR TODAY

<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
Charles Koch	Russell Maxwell
Mac McNamara	Bill Stolhandske

<u>6:30 p.m.</u>
Will Liebmann

ACOLYTES FOR TODAY

<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
Jonathan Hokana	Jacob Kelly

USHERS FOR TODAY

<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
Steve Melancon*	Sid Greehey*
David Potter	Karl Johnson
Max Breon	Nathaniel Aguilar
Don Loomis	John Greehey

<u>6:30 p.m.</u>
Gary Franzen (1 st)
Gregg Henning (3 rd)

GREETERS FOR TODAY

<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
Lee Smetzer	Raquel Mencke
Marilyn Marshall	Carolyn Friedle

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

8:30 a.m. - 162	9:45 a.m. - 127	11:00 a.m. - 148	6:30 p.m. – N/A
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Dr. Guido Merkens entered eternal rest on January 11, 2012. The family will receive friends from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 17, 2012, at Porter Loring Mortuary North Chapel.

SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2012
12:00 NOON
CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH
16801 HUEBNER

Interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the church of your choice.