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REV ROY'S REFLECTIONS



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I love Christmas! The birth of Jesus. Special worship and music. Trees and wreaths. Lights and decorations. Carols and cookies. Classic movies. Excited children. Time with friends and family. Wonderful memories. Peace on Earth and goodwill to all. (Sigh)Christmas.

But then there's the chaotic malls. Acres of no parking spots. Traffic jams. Crowds. Obligatory gifts. Big charge card bills. Depleted savings. All the rush, rush, rush ... spend, spend, spend. And then the hassle of returning the gifts we don't want. Every year! Whatever happened to the peaceful, white Christmas I'm dreaming of? Come to think of it ... maybe it is just a dream.

Sadly, in our western culture, Christmas has become 'The Holidays.' Another 'Hallmark' holiday of consumerism and excess. And every year those of us who celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ on this sacred day find ourselves competing with the chaos, and excess caused by consumerism. It seems as if the message of Christ's birth has taken a back seat to all the 'Holiday' glitz and glitter.

So how do we, the Christian church, push back against all the spending and rushing around...all the madness that has become so much a part of Christmas?

Well, perhaps it's time to reclaim the Story of the birth of Jesus Christ for ourselves by focusing on the things that truly matter rather than plunging into the madness of 'the Holidays' with everyone else. I'm not suggesting that we stop enjoying Christmas and having fun...just that we do it differently...and in a way that's much more meaningful and fulfilling. We're starting by joining the Advent Conspiracy.

The Advent Conspiracy is based on four basic principles; 'Worship Fully,' 'Spend Less,' Give More,' and 'Love All.' To 'Worship Fully' is to start and end with Jesus, to put down our burdens and lift up a joyous song to God. It's about a season where love wins, peace reigns, and our Savior is celebrated with every breath. It means taking time to worship Jesus to the fullest.

To 'Spend Less' does NOT mean going all Scrooge! Everyone likes giving and receiving presents! What I'm suggesting is choosing not to buy the obligatory (meaningless?) gifts...maybe even buying just one less gift...and spending more time looking forward to celebrating the birth of Christ instead.

REV ROY'S REFLECTIONS continued

To 'Give More' is not just another pitch for you to give more money to the church! I'm encouraging you to give more of yourself to others, including the people who really matter to you by giving them the gift of time...time with you! Time together helping stock shelves at the food pantry, reading a book to children at Hephatha, serving a meal or dropping off old clothing at the Hope Center... Spending time in meaningful ways with the people you love can't be found at the mall...(baking cookies, sledding, ice-skating, chatting) and it's way better than giving a gift their likely to return anyway.

To 'Love All,' is to take some of the money and time we saved by 'spending less' and use it to share the love of God with people who are often overlooked or forgotten. God came down to us in the person of Jesus Christ...and taught us the importance of caring for the sick, the hungry, the homeless, the overlooked and forgotten. And we can do this through our charitable work and our giving.

Please look for more details about joining the Advent Conspiracy at All Saints during December and help reclaim the Christmas we truly love by refocusing on God's gift...the gift of Jesus Christ.

Loving Christmas, Pastor Roy+

COUNCIL'S CORNER

The Church Council met on Tuesday, November 8, 2011.

Pastor Roy opened with a prayer and devotion.

Minutes from the October 11th meeting were approved without changes.

Pastor Roy updated the plans for the Youth Mission trip for the last week of June 2012. Youth Quake planning is underway for the second week of March. And, the Box Night with the Confirmation groups was awesome! They even made the local paper.

Jim Bruckman, Financial Secretary

Went over the 2012 budget and reported cash on hand has improved to \$3041 as income exceeded expenses in October. He continues to update the pledges as they come in.

Kelly Davis volunteered to head an ad-hoc task force to explore incremental revenue opportunities for our church. There was an in-depth discussion regarding adjusting the mortgage term to ease budget constraints. Council will seek approval of the congregation at the January Congregational meeting.

Barb Deichl, Building, Grounds, and Earth Ministry Liaison

The chainsaw party was a huge success. A big thanks to all who participated.

The repainting of the sign in front of the church is complete.

We will continue to do the necessary maintenance to make our church look more welcoming.

Mary Davis, Fellowship Ministry Liaison

The date of the Mother/Daughter Event has been changed to Sunday, April 29, following the second service. Continuing discussion and planning of the Lenten meals to include Food Pantry families.

Jim Kozminski, Worship & Music Ministry Liaison

On Saturday, December 3, there will be a "Hanging of the Greens" with supervised activities available for the children, followed by a potluck meal and then a short Christmas video for all. Everyone is invited to help decorate the sanctuary and get it ready for the holidays.

Kim Haines, Youth Ministry Liaison

The youth have officially decided on their destination and date for their next mission trip. They will be driving to St. Louis in June 2012 to do mission work.

At this time of Thanksgiving, remember all our church family has to be thankful for!

HUMAN CONCERNS

Win/Win in December

The Human Concerns Committee sponsors two ministries each year between Thanksgiving and Christmas. These ministries create a winning situation for everyone.

Get a Jump Start on Shopping

The World Market will be held in the Family Life Center on Sunday, November 27, and on Sunday, December 4. This market has unique, quality, fair trade items that have been created by individuals and small groups representing countries around the world, including many third world countries. You can buy any item on display or you can order from a catalog which has hundreds of additional gift ideas. Gifts ordered from the catalog will arrive within a week.

Another idea is a gift that just keeps giving. When you look through the ELCA Good Gifts Catalog, you will find animals, plants, irrigation and fresh water systems, dental and medical care, mosquito netting, and other life-giving gifts. You can purchase one of these items or you can purchase a portion of one, depending on what your budget allows. When you purchase one of the items, you can do so in the name of a family member or friend. You will receive a card which you can give to your family/friend. The card describes the gift that has been given in his/her name. These gifts allow church wide ministries of the ELCA to work with local, community-based partners in some of the neediest areas of the world.

There are winners all around. . . a family in need receives a gift that allows them to become more self-sufficient, your loved one knows that the gift given in their name is a gift of love, and you now have less shopping to do!

Christmas Tree of Giving

For many years, All Saints' members have made Christmas brighter for families that attend our sister church, Hephatha Lutheran Church in Milwaukee. This year, Pastor Mary Martha has given us the names of the five families that we sponsored last year. In these five families are 27 people who regularly attend Hephatha. It is our goal each year to provide a Christmas meal by giving Pick 'n Save gift cards to each family and two gifts per person.

Beginning December 4, ornaments will be displayed on a table in the narthex. Gift ideas are written on these ornaments. Please choose an ornament or two (or more if you are willing!) and write your name and phone number on each half. Hang the half with the yarn on the tree and take the other half as a reminder about size, etc. when you are shopping. Please return your unwrapped purchases between December 4-18 and remember to tape your half of the ornament to the gift.

We have a fantastic group of teens who will sort and wrap the gifts. We also have a few dedicated drivers but would love to have more so that we can deliver the gifts just in time for Christmas.

You just watch as our pathetic looking tree turns into a beautiful reminder that, as God wishes, we love and care for our brothers and sisters in Christ. We are blessed to be a part of this ministry.

—The Human Concerns Committee



the Giving Tree

HUMAN CONCERNS continued

Kettle Moraine Food Pantry

On the third Sunday of every month we will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Kettle Moraine Food Pantry. Please place your donation in the Food Pantry box or shopping cart. Your donations will be blessed and presented during worship as part of our offering to God. Thank you for helping feed your hungry neighbors.



KWIK TRIP and



Attention all Kwik Trip customers!!

All Saints can now earn 10% on each sale of SCRIP cards for gas and other items at Kwik Trip!

Here is what this means:

- Scrip sales profits are used for benevolence. If we have 20 families that each spend \$50 per week on gas, and use our cards, we will have \$5,200 per year to use to make life better for those who are less fortunate than we are, locally, in the greater Milwaukee area; in areas of the US hit by catastrophic events; and across the globe through Lutheran World Relief.
- The cards are used just like credit cards at the pump, and when you buy a card for \$25 or \$100, you get \$25 or \$100 worth of gas or other purchases, so it costs nothing to use, and does a world of good. Thanks for supporting the outreach of All Saints!

HOPE Center

Day Center

We will be opening on Saturdays and Sundays for the homeless and people in need as of this week November 12 and are in need of your help. We will be open Saturdays 8am-4pm and Sundays 8am-1pm. Saturdays we provide breakfast and lunch and Sundays we will provide breakfast (Loaves and Fishes does dinner at 2pm).



HELPING HANDS
BUILDING HOPE

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You can be a vital part of this program by:

- Donating food for breakfast and lunch (eggs, bacon, coffee, etc.)
- Donating, making, and serving a breakfast or lunch for about 30 guests
- Have a bible study (guests are not required to participate but can be invited to join in)
- Committing to spending time with guests (talking, playing cards, etc.)
- Committing to help supervise the center (8am-12pm or 12pm-4pm)
- Committing to help with clean up
- Any help with these items is much appreciated. If you would like to come in for a tour of our facility or to sign up for one of these opportunities please call or email Griselle Cruz at 262-549-8726 or gacruz@hopecenterwi.org.

Thanks for your support, Griselle Cruz, Hope Center; Community Outreach Coordinator; 502 N. East Ave Waukesha, WI 53186; (262) 549-8726; mailto: gacruz@hopecenterwi.org

4th Annual Season of Giving

(Where needy families in Waukesha County will receive brand new Christmas gifts.)

We are helping New Beginnings Church again this year with their *Season of Giving*. Pastor Spencer was diagnosed with a brain tumor a few weeks ago, had surgery, and is now having chemo and radiation. Last year their small church served over 1,000 people. He is now not able to do close to what he has in years past.

HUMAN CONCERNS continued

This is a Story that Must be Told

I have to tell you about a woman I have come to know through our sister church in Milwaukee. Many years ago, maybe seven or eight, Pastor recommended that we sponsor her as part of our annual Tree of Giving ministry. We sponsor her again this year.

So, I have talked with her each year, asking about her and her child's needs at Christmas. For the past two years, we have had conversations that went beyond that. We talked about her work and mine, about her child and my kids, and other life events. The more I learned about this woman, the more I realized what an amazing person she is.

Many years ago, she was a very young mother of a child who was born with a rare syndrome. She also happened to be a substance abuser. I can't even begin to imagine how difficult life was for her. But, fortunately she attended church regularly and had the support and encouragement of her Pastor, and she felt God's love.

It had to be that God was working through the Pastor and the church family. Because, this fall, after suffering several relapses, this woman celebrated her seventh year of sobriety. And she is joyfully raising a child with special needs. A child with this syndrome has significant developmental delays. She was never expected to walk but has some mobility. She is nonverbal yet understands English and some Spanish! (She attends a Spanish-speaking daycare). She has a sleep disorder that was most pronounced as an infant, has no sense of pain, and she has seizures. Yet, this mom is so thankful that her child, who is now nine years old, is happy and loves to hug and laugh. At the daycare, she wanted her child to be with children who are "normal" so that she can learn from them.

Since I have known this woman, she has worked full time. She now works at a hospital. Three years ago, she decided to go to school to become a nurse. She has completed much of her course work and is currently preparing for the nurse's entrance exam. Once this is behind her, she will take courses directly related to nursing for 18-24 months and will then receive her RN degree. What a celebration that will be!! She has already begun to think about specializing one day. Perhaps she will work with young cancer patients or in the neonatal department. This future nurse loves children and feels she has a strong connection with them.

In the midst of all that has happened, her hardest time was when just two days before Thanksgiving six years ago, she lost a sister to whom she was very close. This sister was so happy that she had become a recovering addict; and at the funeral, this woman made a promise that she would never relapse.

On a mid November weekend, I called to talk about Christmas and she was outside raking leaves. She has purchased her own house and is so excited that she is no longer paying rent. Yet another accomplishment that she deserves to be proud of.

This amazing woman attributes her climb out of addiction to the Grace of God saying, "He held me. I took it one day at a time." She has turned her life around. She is a devoted and loving mother. The fact that she will soon become a Registered Nurse is a testament to her will and determination. What she has been able to accomplish, with the help of her faith, is truly an inspiration.

This is a story that had to be told.

Kathy Theis

Human Concerns Committee



EDUCATION MINISTRY

Calling all Confirmation and high school youth...

...to the Wisconsin Dells Quake Zone

March 9-11, 2012 at the Chula Vista Resort

1 speaker, 2 bands, 3 awesome days



Join youth from around the Midwest for a weekend packed with fun, fellowship, music, workshops and yes, time in the water park! Friends are welcome, too.

Deadline to sign up with a \$50 non-refundable deposit is Wednesday, December 14. Balance of \$100 will be due at a later date.

For registration information, contact Lora Ekum at 262/264-5563. Questions? Contact Lori Wiorek at 262/392-3503, Wendy Quinn at 262/968-9326 or Jean Nelson at 262-349-4762.

The All Saints Sunday School children invite you to



**Sunday,
December 18
10:30 a.m.**

The Manger

- Seen -
*a service for
the congregation
and its children*

This service revolves around the manger scene - well two manger scenes, actually. While a family is assembling its manger scene, the characters in the Christmas story come alive and form a living tableau. We'll sing some familiar carols and share a few new songs, too. Come hear the wonderful story of Jesus birth and enjoy the special prelude music provided by our children.

What's happening in Confirmation??

The 7th grade small group, consisting of Caden Crotteau, Adam Jagdfeld, and Gavin Poje, chose Operation Christmas Child as their service project for this semester. On November 13 we sat together in worship, then had lunch together at McDonald's before shopping at Target and Dollar Tree in Delafield for items to fill our shoe boxes. Thanks to Ben Nelson who assisted with this outing.



2012 High School Youth Mission Trip

June 24 - 30, 2012 are the dates for the 2012 HS Youth mission trip. We will be servicing and supporting the people of St. Louis, MO. All HS youth are welcome to join in this fulfilling week of service, community building, and fun! Space is limited. Spots will be filled on a first come, first served basis. If you are interested, pick up and fill out a Commitment Form hanging on the Youth Room bulletin board or contact Laura Dralle at lauradralle@yahoo.com.

EDUCATION MINISTRY continued

High School Youth Packer Tailgate Party

Come join the Packer fun on Sunday, December 11, at ASLC. The Tailgate Party will start at 11:30am for the Noon kick off. Food and beverages will be supplied as you watch the game and cheer with friends. A sign-up sheet is outside the youth room. Please sign up so appropriate food quantities can be purchased. We hope you will join us!

WORSHIP & MUSIC MINISTRY

Season of Advent

It's the season of Advent and that means that as a church we spend time preparing and waiting to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Join us on Wednesday evenings at 7pm for a short (30 minute) Advent service on November 30, December 7 and 14. This is a great way to slow down, remember the "reason for the season" and a way to practice the Advent Conspiracy ideas we've been learning about . . . especially worship fully! Holden Evening Prayer is our worship service and it's a beautiful way to unwind at the end of the day

Hanging of the Greens

Don't miss our first two special events in Advent. Hanging of the Greens will take place on Saturday, December 3 at 4pm. Come and help decorate the sanctuary, bring your kids to make decorations and place them on their own special tree. Then join us for a potluck and the Charlie Brown Christmas movie. We'll have you back on the road no later than 7pm. A sign up sheet is in the narthex but we invite you to just to come even if you haven't signed up. All you need to do is to bring a dish to pass and some energy for decorating!

Christmas Music Festival

The Christmas Music Festival is quickly approaching and our music groups are working hard to prepare the music selections for that morning. Join us for worship at 8:15 and 10:30 am on December 11. This is a special service of short readings, hymns and special music selections presented by our music groups. Come and hear the story of Jesus birth told through music. We can promise cute kids, a little calypso beat and some jazzy bells! Bring a friend and slow down for a musical worship service.

Worship Services For . . .

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight services will be held at 4:00, 5:30, and 7:00 p.m.
A nursery is provided at the 4:00 p.m. service. All services include Holy Communion.

4:00 pm - Family Service Focused on Young Children

5:30 pm - Lessons and Carols

7pm - Traditional Christmas Eve Worship

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day Service is one service at 10:00 am with Holy Communion.

Sunday, January 1, 2012

New Year's Day Service is one service at 10:00 am with Holy Communion.



FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

Servers for CTK

Thank you to those who had volunteered to help serve the Consecration Sunday dinner for Christ the King-Delafield at St. John's Military Academy on Sunday, November 20. . .

Steve & Sandy Schubert, Marv & Eunice Haugen, Mark & Denise Lathers, Carol Renner, Gary Valine, Christine and Julie Franz, Jon & Harriett Schmidt.

Dates to Mark on Your Calendar For Fellowship

- 12/03/11 Hanging of the Greens
- 01/28/12 Family Game Night 5pm
- 02/18/12 Family Movie Night 6pm
- 03/10/12 Variety Show 6:30pm
- 03/17/12 Family Game Night 5pm
- 05/06/12 Mother Daughter Event



Fellowship Ministry



The story of Christ's birth is a story of promise, hope, and a revolutionary love. So, what happened? What was once a time to celebrate the birth of a Savior has somehow turned into a season of stress, traffic jams, and shopping lists. And when it's all over, many of us are left with presents to return, looming debt that will take months to pay off, and this empty feeling of missed purpose. Is this what we really want out of Christmas? What if Christmas became a world-changing event again? Welcome to Advent Conspiracy, a movement calling us to proclaim Christ in how we celebrate Christmas.

Advent Conspiracy was started in 2006 by five pastors who decided to make Christmas a revolutionary event by encouraging their faith communities to Worship Fully, Spend Less, Give More and Love All. The response was overwhelming and the Conspiracy was born. The vision for this project is a collaboration between Rick McKinley of Imago Dei Community in Portland, OR; Greg Holder from Windsor Crossing in St. Louis, MO; and Chris Seay of Ecclesia in Houston, TX.

ENTER THE STORY

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY continued

[WORSHIP FULLY]

It starts with Jesus. It ends with Jesus. This is the holistic approach God had in mind for Christmas. It's a season where we are called to put down our burdens and lift a song up to our God. It's a season where love wins, peace reigns, and a king is celebrated with each breath. It's the party of the year. Entering the story of Advent means entering this season with an overwhelming passion to worship Jesus to the fullest.

[SPEND LESS]

Before you think we're getting all Scrooge on you, let us explain what we mean. We like gifts. Our kids really like gifts. But consider this: America spends an average of \$450 billion a year every Christmas. How often have you spent money on Christmas presents for no other reason than obligation? How many times have you received a gift out of that same obligation? Thanks, but no thanks, right? We're asking people to consider buying ONE LESS GIFT this Christmas. Just one. Sounds insignificant, yet many who have taken this small sacrifice have experienced something nothing less than a miracle: They have been more available to celebrate Christ during the advent season. Looking for a few gifts that don't cost a lot of money? Need some more ideas for relational giving? Head to www.RethinkingChristmas.com today.



GIVE PRESENCE

[GIVE MORE]

God's gift to us was a relationship built on love. So it's no wonder why we're drawn to the idea that Christmas should be a time to love our friends and family in the most memorable ways possible. Time is the real gift Christmas offers us, and no matter how hard we look, it can't be found at the mall. Time to make a gift that turns into the next family heirloom. Time to write mom a letter. Time to take the kids sledding. Time to bake really good cookies and sing really bad Christmas carols. Time to make love visible through relational giving. Sounds a lot better than getting a sweater two sizes too big, right?

[LOVE ALL]

When Jesus loved, he loved in ways never imagined. Though rich, he became poor to love the poor, the forgotten, the overlooked and the sick. He played to the margins. By spending less at Christmas we have the opportunity to join him in giving resources to those who need help the most. When Advent Conspiracy first began four churches challenged this simple concept to its congregations. The result raised more than a half million dollars to aid those in need. One less gift. One unbelievable present in the name of Christ. For more information, including some videos, be sure to visit www.AdventConspiracy.org.

MT. MERU COFFEE and SONGORO

YOU CAN CHANGE A LIFE · SONGORO PARISH PARTNERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

The scholarship program has been keeping most of the Songoro youth in school and is a proactive program that is improving the standard of living for today's members of our partner congregation as well as tomorrow's generations. The government pays for education for students until the age of twelve. Students past that age must pay school fees that are not realistic for most of the families of the Songoro Parish. The fees for state secondary schools are approximately \$70.00 per year. The fees for private schools are \$250 -\$350. Students educated in private schools are more likely to obtain worthwhile or possibly even higher education.

Many young people without secondary school education wind up in the city slums and resort to petty theft or prostitution. It is not possible for all of the young people to remain on the 1-3 acre family farms.

Please help support the program. Songoro Scholarship Program envelopes are available in the pews and at the Mt. Meru Coffee Project display in the narthex. You can change a life by supporting this program. Please make a contribution today.

Bwana akubariki sana, (Swahili=God blesses us very much.)

For more information, please contact Ron Bohrer at ronbohrer@aol.com or 262-392-2967



MT. MERU COFFEE PROJECT

Holiday Gift Packs will be available in December. This year they will include a Fair-Trade hand made Christmas Ornament from Indonesia along with a package of drip grind Mt. Meru Coffee. They will be gift wrapped and ready for holiday giving. The wrapping is done by PanAfrica Community which is a Milwaukee organization that works with new African immigrants. The price is \$18.00.

Thank you for your support of the Mt. Meru Coffee Project. Your support of the project has been bringing economic and social justice to the coffee farmers of the Meru Diocese for ten years.

If the coffee farming families were her, they would say,
"Asante sana!!" (Swahili = Thank you very much.)

If you would like to know more about the Mt Meru coffee Project,
please contact ronbohrer@aol.com or 262-392-2967



SYNOD COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The November 17th meeting of the Synod Council of the Greater Milwaukee Synod was held at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Random Lake. These highlights are a snapshot of the meeting. A more detailed meeting summary is, or will be, available on the synod's website www.milwaukeeesyndod.org

Actions

Approved Synod Calls to:

The Rev. Jim Holmberg to Lutheran Social Services as Church and Community Relations Advancement Coordinator.

The Rev. Rachel Young-Binter as three-quarter-time Lutheran Campus Minister at the Corner House, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (open-ended call).

The Rev. Jessica Short as half-time Lutheran Campus Minister at Marquette University (open-ended call).

Approved on Leave from Call status for the Rev. Jane Fryda, who was formerly at St. Andrews Lutheran Church in Waukesha.

Approved Campus Ministry Weekend, including synod-wide fundraising.

Approved Mr. Lee Johnston as the Synod Council representative to the Lutheran Campus Ministry board.

Approved Outreach for Hope's 40/40/40 Lenten fundraiser (40 people at each of 40 congregations giving a dollar a day for 40 days).

Approved the Operational Ethics Policy (dealing with conflicts of interest) which had been suggested by the ELCA, along with a continuing resolution for implementation of the policy early in 2012.

Voted to recommend various constitutional and bylaw changes to the 2012 Synod Assembly (these were sent separately to List serve recipients, and will also appear on the synod website).

Approved a revised nominating procedure for the youth representative on the Synod Council.

Finances

Synod income from benevolence was approximately \$100,000 under budget and the same amount behind last year's pace. Despite that, because of savings on salary and benefits from earlier in the fiscal year, before the synod was fully staffed, year-to-date income exceeds expenses by roughly \$57,000.

Reports and Discussion

Bishop Jeff Barrow's report centered on his vision for the synod, with a primary focus on enabling healthy ministries and healthy leaders (his written report will be posted on the synod's website).

The bishop also provided preliminary information on a possible planning process to review the geographical placement of congregations, and with that review to assess how these resources are addressing ministry needs. More discussion will take place at future Council meetings.

Another potential initiative discussed was a major fundraising campaign in support of key synod ministries: Outreach for Hope, youth and family ministries, campus ministry and global partnerships. Bishop Barrow is especially interested in a higher profile for youth and family programs.

Reports were received from the Director of Evangelical Mission, the Director of Rostered Leadership, Lutheran Campus Ministry, the Anti-Racism Team, Women of the ELCA, and Outreach for Hope. The Evangelical Mission report provided significant detail on the Living Into the Future Together (LIFT) initiative.

The Synod's revamped website is in place (with some development still in progress). Director of Communications Tracy Apps is soliciting feedback.

Heard a status update on the Collective Bargaining Discussion Group, where work is still underway.

Briefly discussed the concealed carry issue: all available information has been distributed to congregations, which are free to act as they see fit on this issue.

Discussed possible use of funds from the sale of the former St. Andrews church facility in Waukesha. This will be discussed again in coming meetings.

— Submitted by Matthew Brockmeier, Secretary, Greater Milwaukee Synod

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Silent Night

Silent night holy night
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child,
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace.
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night holy night
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ the Savior, is born
Christ the Savior, is born.

Silent night holy night
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

DECEMBER 2011 Worship Participants Schedule

DECEMBER 4	8:15 Service	10:30 Service
Lessons Readers	Kimberly Knudsen	Daryl Baertlein
Communion Set / Clean Up	Kim Haines	Sandy Schubert / Lorraine Jahnke
Communion Bread Servers	Pastor Roy and Chris Page	Pastor Roy and Jon Schmidt
Communion Wine Servers	Todd & Kim Haines	Dave & Christi Kilpatrick
Acolytes	Ryan Page	Tessa Cook
Greeters at the Entrances	Barb Deichl and Rebecca Seevers	Todd & Amy Jaworski
Ushers	Todd & Lisa Scheel	Ron & Jacob Kennedy
Fellowship Hosts	Mark & Gina Bailey	
Mt. Meru Emissaries	Bob & Sally Nielsen	

DECEMBER 11	8:15 Service	10:30 Service
Christmas Music Festival		
Greeters at the Entrances	Cookie Brehm	Jon & Laurie Riddle
Ushers	James & Laura Dralle	Brian & Sue Faust
Fellowship Hosts	Mike & Connie Flairy	
Mt. Meru Emissaries	Gina Bailey	

DECEMBER 18	8:15 Service	10:30 Service
Lessons Readers	Gary Valine	Children's Christmas Program
Communion Set / Clean Up	Carol Renner	
Communion Bread Servers	Pastor Roy and Brenda Calhoun	
Communion Wine Servers	Carol Renner / Gary Valine	
Acolytes	??	
Greeters at the Entrances	Flairy Family	Sue Connors
Ushers	Dave & Kathy Littlejohn	Ron & Barb Fladwood
Fellowship Hosts	Ron & Barb Fladwood	
Mt. Meru Emissaries	Kathy Theis	

DECEMBER 24 4:00 pm, 5:30 pm, 7:00 pm Services

DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS DAY 10:00 am SERVICE

Lessons Readers		
Communion Set / Clean Up		
Communion Bread Servers		
Communion Wine Servers		
Acolytes		
Greeters at the Entrances		
Ushers	Marv Haugen and Bill Neubert	
Fellowship Hosts		
Mt. Meru Emissaries	N/A	

Will be listed on the Holiday Helpers Sign-Up Sheet that Brenda Calhoun has at this time.

ADVENT READERS AND CANDLE LIGHTERS

DATE	8:15	10:30
November 27	Habrel Family	Knoernschild Family
December 4	Wiorek Family	Hagerstrand Family
December 11	Knudson Family	Weis Family
December 18	Calhoun Family	Children's Christmas Program

Please mark dates on your calendars. If you cannot serve on the date you are assigned, please exchange with someone or look at the Worship Participant Volunteer List that was emailed to you, and then let the office know so that the corrections can be made in the bulletins and on the master copy in the Ushers' Room (old sacristy).

Brenda Calhoun (262-968-3177) Liturgical Leaders, Readers, Communion Servers or Comm. Set/Clean-Up, Acolytes
Al Theis (262-968-4482) Ushers
Ron Bohrer (262-392-2967) Mt. Meru Emissaries **Steve Schubert (262-392-3333)** Counters for the Offering
Linda Nylen (262-646-2053) SCRIP **Laura Dralle ((262-968-3719)** Nursery Coordinator
Looking for a Coffee Host Coordinator **Kathryn Kutz (262-432-5701)** Greeters at the Welcome Desk

DECEMBER 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>27</p> <p>Minute for Mission Hephatha Thanksgiving Meals No Education Hour - Thanksgiving Weekend 1st Sunday in Advent 8:15 AM - 10:30 AM ELW 8 w/Holy Communion; All Saints Choir 9:30 AM Fellowship and Coffee Hour</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Bulletin and Scoop Information/ Articles Due By 3pm</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:00 AM All Saints Choir 5:15 PM Genesis Bell Choir 6:00 PM Adult Bell Choir 6:15 PM Children's Choir 6:30 PM Confirmation Night Growing and Advent Service 7:00 PM Advent Service 7:45 PM ASC Rehearsal</p>	<p>1</p> <p>5:30 PM - 6:30 PM OA - HOW Meeting 7:00 PM Ensemble Re- hearsal</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Pastor Roy's Day Off</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:30 AM MUGS Men's Breakfast 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM Hanging of the Greens. Potluck, and a Christmas Movie</p>
<p>4</p> <p>2nd Sunday in Advent Featured Mission for December World Market and Christmas Giving Tree 8:15 AM & 10:30 AM NFC w/Communion; Ensemble 9:30 AM Education Hour 9:30 AM Fellowship and Coffee Hour</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Sanctuary Reserved for Worship & Music Ministry</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Bulletin and Scoop Information/ Articles Due By 3pm Sanctuary Reserved for Worship & Music Ministry</p>	<p>7</p> <p>News & Notes Articles Due Sanctuary Reserved for Worship & Music Ministry 5:15 PM Genesis Hand Bell Choir 6:00 PM Adult Hand Bell Choir 6:15 PM Children's Choir 7:00 PM Advent Service 7:45 PM ASC Rehearsal</p>	<p>8</p> <p>5:30 PM - 6:30 PM OA - HOW Meeting 7:00 PM All Saints Praise Rehearsal</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Pastor Roy's Day Off Sanctuary Reserved for Wor- ship & Music Ministry</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Sanctuary Reserved for Worship & Music Ministry 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM Scrapbook- Crop Day 9:00 AM Women's Recharge</p>
<p>11</p> <p>3rd Sunday in Advent 8:15 AM - 10:30 AM Christmas Music Festival 9:30 AM Education Hour 9:30 AM Fellowship and Coffee Hour 11:30 AM Fellowship Ministry Meeting 11:30 AM Human Concerns Ministry Meeting</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Bulletin and Scoop Information/ Articles Due By 3pm 7:00 PM Church Council</p>	<p>14</p> <p>News & Notes Articles Due 5:15 PM Genesis Hand Bell Choir 6:00 PM Adult Hand Bell Choir 6:15 PM Children's Choir 7:00 PM Advent Service 7:45 PM ASC Rehearsal</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Newsletter Articles and Information Due Today 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM OA - HOW Meeting</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Pastor Roy's Day Off</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:00 AM Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM Piano Recital / Holiday Gathering - Amy Bartholf</p>
<p>18</p> <p>4th Sunday in Advent Kettle Moraine Food Pantry Day 8:15 AM FOL w/Hand Bell Choirs 9:30 AM Education Hour 9:30 AM Fellowship and Coffee Hour 10:30 AM Christmas Program by Sunday School</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Bulletin and Scoop Information/ Articles Due By 3pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>News & Notes Articles Due 5:15 PM Genesis Hand Bell Choir 6:00 PM Adult Hand Bell Choir 6:15 PM Children's Choir 6:30 PM Confirmation Christmas Break 7:00 PM Advent Service 7:00 PM All Saints Choir</p>	<p>22</p> <p>5:30 PM - 6:30 PM OA - HOW Meeting</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Pastor Roy's Day Off</p>	<p>24</p> <p>4pm - Family Service Focused on Young Children 5:30pm - Lessons and Carols 7pm - Candle Light Service All Services with Holy Communion</p>
<p>25</p> <p>No Education Hour - Merry Christmas! 9:30 AM Fellowship and Coffee Hour 10:00 AM The Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Sunday Service w/Communion</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Confirmation Christmas Break No Music Rehearsals - Christmas Break</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>HAPPY NEW YEAR'S EVE</p>

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