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REVROY'S REFLECTIONS

Happy New Year! *As I look ahead into the New Year with all of you saints, I am excited about the possibilities! Especially because I think we can build upon what we were focusing on during Advent and Christmas...exploring how God can and does change the world for good.*

So that gives rise to a question, and I believe your answer to it will be a big factor in how excited you are about the possibilities for the New Year: 'Do you believe that God is still active in the world?'

Now, I'm not asking whether you believe in God...I assume that's true...the question is more like, 'Day in and day out, do you notice God being active in your life?' Or does it seem more to you like God is hanging out in the background, passively watching and waiting... from a distance.

Well, if there's one thing the Christmas story teaches, it's that God is involved, actively involved, in the world through things great and small. God came down and took on human flesh in an event that changed the world, the birth of Jesus, the Son of God. God was active big-time in the lives of Mary, Joseph, the shepherds and the Wise Men. God interrupted their lives and used them to help make the world a better place.

So the question is, do you believe that God still does this...do you believe that God is still ac-

tive in people's lives...that God still interrupts lives and works through people to change the world? Do you believe that God still can (and will) do this in your life?

During this past month we learned that through our faithful response to God's invitation to worship fully, spend less (on things that don't really matter), give more (to things that truly make a difference), and love all, God can still work through us to change the world.

But here's the catch...'Do you believe it?' Maybe not? Try it and see! Look around for where God is working in your life and in the world around you. Ask God how you can help (or just follow your heart and help as you feel moved). And then watch for how God is actively working in your life, and in the lives of the people around you.

The Christmas story teaches that God is at work in and through people. Including you. So as we begin this New Year, I invite you to imagine one place where you can make a difference. And then I encourage you to respond faithfully by going and doing what God invites you to do. And then experience the joy of seeing that God is, indeed, active in your life... working through you to help change the world.

Then Mary said, "Here am I, a servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."

--- Luke 1:38

Pastor Roy+



WORSHIP & MUSIC

Gracious Thanks

A very special thank you to everyone in the music program that helped to make our December worship services special! Our music groups put in some long hours, extra rehearsals, and even extra worship services for our Christmas Music Festival, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and Advent services. Thank you to every director and every member of these groups. You are simply the best!

Mary Romskog, Music Coordinator

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

Our Budget for 2012

Mark your 2012 calendars for two important Congregational meetings. Sunday, January 8, will be the presentation of the 2012 budget and Sunday, January 15, we will vote on the proposed 2012 budget. Both will be between services in the sanctuary.



YOUTH MINISTRY

2012 High School Youth Mission Trip

June 24th-30th 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 serve 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

Youth Ski Trip

The ski trip is all set, poster and registration forms have been sent out with extras in the Youth Room. We have three drivers. . .

- Myself (James Dralle) - 7 passenger
- Joanne Bartelt - 6-7 passenger
- Tim Wirsching - 7 passenger

With three vehicles I am holding capacity to 20, and any extras will have to sleep on the floor. If we get more to go, (we could do another 5-6) but would need another driver. With 20, its 16 kids and four chaperones (Jeff Romskog).

ASLC kids are first priority to fill the spots so "friends" will be on wait list until we get closer, most likely will fill with friends since I am not sure how many skiers/boarders are in the group. If we have beginners, the Romskog's have offered lessons !

Let it snow !!!!
Jim

All Saints "Family Fun Night"



Saturday, January 28, 2012

5:00-8:00 pm

All Saints Lutheran Church

Hot Dogs & Snacks – Free-will donation

Bring a game or join in with others!

Bring your friends and family!!!

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

To coincide with the church's 30th Anniversary plans, the Church Directory will not be published until January 2012. This means you still have time to get your family photos taken and sent in.

I will be taking photos between services in January. You may also send me your home photos as an e-mail attachment.

Jim Bruckman; jeb1345@gmail.com



KM 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.

FIRST COMMUNION

FIRST COMMUNION,
Sunday February 12 10:30am

Fourth grade First Communion is coming up on Sunday, February 12, at the 10:30 am service. The First Communion retreat will be held on Saturday, February 4, from 9am – noon.

This is a change from past practice, when First Communion was received on Maundy Thursday. The change was made after conferring last spring with parents of fourth graders and the Worship and Music Team.

Having First Communion on a Sunday will provide a better opportunity for families to gather to celebrate this faith milestone, and gives more people in the congregation the opportunity to join these children and their families on this special day. In addition, I found the solemnity of the Maundy Thursday worship service difficult to reconcile with the celebratory nature of First Communion day.

So the change to the day of First Communion was made for the benefit of the families and to help better maintain the solemn, reflective, penitential nature of Holy Week. Please join



the families of our fourth grade students as they celebrate this faith milestone on Sunday February 12 at the 10:30 service.

Pastor Roy+

NEW MEMBERS

**New Member Q&A Conversations,
Sundays, January 22 & 29 at 9:30am
New Member Welcome,
Sunday, February 5, at 8:30am**

If you are considering becoming a member of the body of Christ here at All Saints, please join Pastor Roy on Sundays, January 22 and 29, at 9:30am in the Family Life Center for coffee, donuts and Q&A to find out more about who we are and what we are all about. Childcare is provided. New members will be welcomed into our faith community during the 8:30am service on Sunday, February 5. Please contact Pastor Roy to let him know if you are planning to attend. (262) 968-3322, revroy@aslcwales.org.



SONGORO PARISH PARTNERSHIP

A MESSAGE OF FAITH

These messages wish us well and remind us that the Songoro Parish service includes prayers for the members of All Saints Lutheran Church every week. We have friends in Tanzania whose lives are quite different than ours. They live lives of faith and they are not as affected by materialism as we are. During the recent food shortage that affected the entire Meru region, many of the families of the Songoro Parish shared food with those in need even though their own long term food supplies were vanishing. The farm families of Songoro Parish live on 3-5 acre sustenance farms that barely support them. Sharing their meager resources with other families during a recent sustained draught brings us a lesson of faith that is brought to us because of our ongoing partnership with Songoro Parish.

THANK YOU FROM THE SONGORO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Your contributions to the Songoro Scholarship Program are appreciated by the secondary students of Songoro parish. Many of these students would not be able to attend school without the support of the members of All Saints Lutheran Church that have contributed to the program. Songoro Scholarship Program envelopes are available at the Mt Meru Coffee Project display in the narthex. You can change a life by supporting this program.

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SONGORO continued

SONGORO MEMBERS PRAY FOR ALL SAINTS MEMBERS EVERY WEEK

The members of Songoro Parish pray for the members of All Saints during the Prayers of the Church portion of their liturgy every Sunday. They feel a real connection with us.

If there are any questions regarding the Songoro/All Saints Partnership and the Songoro Scholarship Program, please contact Ron Bohrer. 262-392-2967 ronbohrer@aol.com

MT. MERU COFFEE PROJECT

The Mt. Meru Coffee Project continues to flourish at All Saints as well as in congregations throughout the Greater Milwaukee Synod and beyond. The Project has been improving the standard of living in the Meru Diocese for more than 11 years. One of the reasons it is extremely successful at All Saints is the group of people that have stepped forward to be Mt Meru Emissaries and assist with your coffee purchases each Sunday. Be sure to thank the Emissaries that manage the narthex display each week. Your coffee purchases have improved the standard of living for the coffee farmers of the Meru Diocese. Your continued support is important to these needy farm families.

For information regarding the Mt Meru Coffee Project please contact Ron Bohrer 262-392-2967 ronbohrer@aol.com

DEAVEN FAMILY UPDATE

I've been asked what more people can do for us. For the last weeks of 2011, we have just about everything I can think of to ask for. Not only have people signed up to bring dinners but a few folks have dropped by and brought food for our freezer. On top of the 1/2 pig we just had delivered, the chest freezer is FULL. In terms of rides for the kids, Aidan is taken care of and I'm taking Mia to/from swim, mostly, because that's always been a great time for us to talk. (My employer - GE - has been and continues to be very supportive and has allowed me great latitude in my working hours to deal with this, which I am thankful for.) So I think the next real hurdle will come in mid-January, when everybody goes back to "normal".

For the first few months of 2012 I anticipate needing a lot of help with rides and occasional kid care until I figure out how I'll adjust my work life to manage this for the longer term, and I'll use the site LotsaHelpingHands.com to indicate where/when that kind of help is needed.

We can feel your support and prayers. I feel our house is surrounded by a circle of friends keeping watch to make sure that we are OK, and it is a good feeling... thank you all for being there for us.

Peace,
Dave

Continued. . .

FAMILY continued

If you would like updates on the Deaven family or want to help with a need of theirs click on the following link. You will be prompted to become a member of the Deaven Family's group.

www.lotsahelpinghands.com/c/650335/login/reset/702f449c0713a39ed4f4385b0d6c3aea

ADULT EDUCATION

What's Happening in Adult Ed?

January 8 - Annual Budget Meeting

January 15 - Annual Meeting

January 22 -Advent Conspiracy review
Did learning about how to Worship Fully, Spend Less, Give More and Love All make a difference in how you prepared for Christmas this year? Come share your thoughts and experiences.

January 29 - Introduction to Spiritual Gifts and Passions
Learn how you have been uniquely gifted by God, and why.

February 5 - Getting Started: How do I know what my spiritual gifts are?
Discover what your gifts are by taking a spiritual gifts inventory.

February 12 -The Next Step: How can I use my spiritual gifts and passion?

ADULT EDUCATION

Consider the ministries and activities in and through All Saints and imagine how you can use your gifts to make a difference in the kingdom of God.

We meet in the Hearthside Room from 9:30-10:15 a.m. Please join us!

Spiritual Gifts? What's that?

- Do you think of yourself as being gifted or talented? Most of us don't, although we can think of others who have musical talent or outstanding athletic ability. Oh sure, there are things we recognize that we do well, but "gifted?"
- Have you ever wondered where you fit in at church? Would you like to become more involved, but don't quite know where to get connected?

Here are some things to ponder: You were created by God *in His image*. You are a unique creation. You have been given gifts by the Holy Spirit. These gifts are not yours to keep; they are meant to be shared with others to help build up the Body of Christ.

Curious? Confused? Want to learn more? Join the Adult Ed group on Sundays, January 29, February 5 and 12, (see *related article*). For more information, contact Jean Nelson at 262/349-4762 or rhnmg@yahoo.com.

HUMAN CONCERNS

You Truly Are Amazing!!

On December 11, by the end of the 10:30 church service, all ornaments with gift ideas for our Hephatha Families were taken by members of our congregation. This means that we will provide two gifts for each person and a Christmas meal for each family. Hephatha's Pastor Mary Martha, provided us with names of five church families which represents 27 people. That's a lot of gifts and food! And, again, people went above and beyond what was asked. This has happened year after year.

We thank you for your generosity!! Thanks, also, to Peter Hesse for making announcements about the Tree of Giving Project, for helping answer questions at the ornament table, and for organizing a group of high school members and friends to wrap all the gifts. Their involvement has been very special.

God does, indeed, provide; often through his followers! Thanks so much for listening to His call!!



The Human Concerns Committee



TIME AND TALENT SHEETS



Have you turned in your Time & Talent Sheet yet???

If not, we are still needing them back at church! The first batch of volunteers has already been distributed to Council Liaisons and Ministry Team leaders. Volunteers **WILL** be contacted! Please join in 'Sharing the Joy' by returning your Time & Talent Sheets as soon as possible. Thank you!



The Year

by Ella Wheeler Wilcox

*What can be said in New Year rhymes,
That's not been said a thousand times?*

*The new years come, the old years go,
We know we dream, we dream we know.*

*We rise up laughing with the light,
We lie down weeping with the night.*

*We hug the world until it stings,
We curse it then and sigh for wings.*

*We live, we love, we woo, we wed,
We wreath our brides, we sheet our dead.*

*We laugh, we weep, we hope, we fear,
And that's the burden of the year.*

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have your newsletter articles for the **FEBRUARY** issue into the office by **JANUARY 15**. You can e-mail your articles to secretary@aslcwales.org OR allsaintslutheran@centurytel.net. Thank you.

ONLINE CHURCH CALENDAR

All Saints' online calendar can be accessed through our website. This calendar is the most up-to-date. You can check for facility use availability (so there are no overlaps), when Pastor Roy might be out of the office, when the meeting you are to be at is scheduled, etc. Check it out.

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JANUARY 2012

JANUARY 1, 2012	8:15 Service	10:00 Service
Acolytes		Pisey Knoernschild
Communion Bread Servers		Pastor Ron Ballew and ??
Communion Set / Clean Up		Brenda Calhoun
Communion Wine Servers		Brenda Calhoun and ??
Fellowship Hosts		???
Greeters		???
Mt. Meru Emissaries		None
Readers		Brenda Calhoun
Ushers		Steve & Jean Schrader
JANUARY 8	8:15 Service	10:30 Service
Acolytes	Micki Thelen	Emma Baertlein
Communion Bread Servers	Pastor Roy and Jim Bruckman	Pastor Roy and Jon Schmidt
Communion Set / Clean Up	Connie Flairty	Joanne Bartelt
Communion Wine Servers	Jeff Voelkel and Karsen Thelen	Jackie Cook and Monica Hanson
Fellowship Hosts	???	
Greeters	Joe & Diane Grundman	Todd & Amy Jaworski
Mt. Meru Emissary	Gina Bailey	
Readers	George Corliss	Monica Hanson
Ushers	Dan & Christine Makovec	Dave & Christi Kilpatrick
JANUARY 15	8:15 Service	10:30 Service
Acolytes	Amber Knutson	Elijah Weis
Communion Bread Servers	Pastor Roy and Dave Littlejohn	Pastor Roy and Steve Schubert
Communion Set / Clean Up	Caroline Basley	S. Schubert and L. Jahnke
Communion Wine Servers	Mark & Denise Lathers	Jon & Laurie Riddle
Fellowship Hosts	???	
Greeters	Dan & Christine Makovec	Randy & Jackie Cook
Mt. Meru Emissary	Ginny Kozminski	
Readers	Rebecca Seevers	Taylor Weis
Ushers	Marv & Eunice Haugen	G. Cholka and <i>Caden Crotteau</i>
JANUARY 22	8:15 Service	10:30 Service
Acolytes	Micah Wirsching	Eagan Kutz
Communion Bread Servers	Pastor Roy and Cam Ekum	Pastor Roy and Kathy Theis
Communion Set / Clean Up	Carol Renner	Jim & Ginny Kozminski
Communion Wine Servers	C. Renner and G Valine	Jim & Ginny Kozminski
Fellowship Hosts	???	
Greeters	David Hanson Family	Jim & Ginny Kozminski
Mt. Meru Emissary	Kelly Davis	
Readers	Gary Valine	Tammy Zell
Ushers	T/L Scheel and <i>Cam Ekum</i>	A/K Theis and <i>Gavin Poje</i>
JANUARY 29	8:15 Service	10:30 Service
Acolytes	Breana McBroom	Raud Kelly
Communion Bread Servers	Pastor Roy and Pete Nielsen	Pastor Roy and Dave Kilpatrick
Communion Set / Clean Up	Sue Misko w/Brenda Calhoun	Sue Connors
Communion Wine Servers	Dan & Lori Wiorek	Mark & Gina Bailey
Fellowship Hosts	???	
Greeters	Barb Deichl & Rebecca Seevers	Sue Connors
Mt. Meru Emissary	Todd & Kim Haines	
Readers	Pete Nielsen	Gina Bailey
Ushers	J/L Dralle and <i>Ally Knutson</i>	J/J Babcock and <i>Collin Quinn</i>

Please mark dates on your calendars. If you cannot serve on the date you are assigned, exchange with someone 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).

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