

# Welcome to Worship

## Sunday, December 9, 2012



Flowers placed on the Altar by Carol Senkyr are in loving memory of Evelyn and Art Gusey.

Flowers placed on the organ by the Greenwell family are in loving memory of Dale Greenwell.

### TABLE PRAYER

Gracious and patient God, give us the strength to return to you. We seem to daily forget and face away from you. Give us the grace to turn around and face you, the source of everything good. Bless the food we are about to eat as we pray, "Come Lord Jesus! Be our guest, and let these gifts to us be blessed. Amen."

### PRAYERS OF HEALING & STRENGTH

*David Rahn	[C Johnson]	*Joanna Cook	[S Hausken]
*Diana Adkins	[B Hennen]	*Sonja Fostvedt	[B Fostvedt]
*Jim Stadtherr	[J Stadtherr]	*Sean Ziesmer	[E Ziesmer]
*Ashley Frank	[D Sagedahl]	*Tony Schmoll	[K Ziesmer]
*Joann Hawkinson	[Family]	*Joyce Harguth	[S Bratsch]
*Rosalie Sheggeby	[N Hague]	*Marie Peterson	[M Hausken]
*Donna Boese	[K van der Hagen]	*Peggy Evenson	[J Evenson]
*Kristin Luckey	[B Metteer]	*Florence Jacobs	[J Balgaard]
*Sandy Alton	[S Alton]	*Rich Elbert	[E Lilja]
*Madison Travers	[K Barta]	*Dale Wisherd	[L Schultze]

### PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

\*For the life and faith of Dale Greenwell.

### Adding loved ones to the Prayer & Praise Lists:

- Please gain permission.
- Fill out a request form: found in the pews, office, or at [crossofcalvary.net](http://crossofcalvary.net)
- Names will remain on the list for a maximum of one month.
- Please resubmit names whenever needed.

### COMING UP THIS WEEK

<b>09 Sun</b>	WORSHIP	8:30am/10:30am
	Sunday School	9:30am
	Baptism – Grund	10:30am

	FH reserved	11:30-1:30pm
<b>10 Mon</b>	Scouts – FH	3:15-4:15pm
	Scouts – Rm 8	5:30-6:30pm
	Scouts – FH	6:30-7:30
	Library reserved	6:30-8:00pm
<b>11 Tues</b>	Men's Bible Study-Church	6:15, 7:00am
<b>12 Wed</b>	Men's Bible Study @ Parkview	9:00am
	WOW	3:15-4:30pm
	Confirmation	5:30-7:00pm
	Advent Service	7:00pm
<b>13 Thur</b>		
<b>14 Fri</b>		
<b>15 Sat</b>	WORSHIP	5:30pm
<b>16 Sun</b>	WORSHIP	8:30am/10:30am
	Sunday School	9:30am
	Christmas Program	10:30am
	CLOCK @ CCOC – Christmas Party	6:10pm

### DECEMBER

17	Ruth Unit	19	Council Meeting (no committee mtgs.)
20	Dorcas Unit	23	NO Sunday school
24	Christmas Eve	30	NO Sunday school

### COMMUNION

Dec 16, 24 Jan 6, 20

### ADVENT SERVICES at 7pm

Dec 12, 19

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES will be held on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm and 10:00pm**

### The VOLUNTEER LIST IS ON THE BOARD

#### Altar Guild

DEC

#### Acolytes

DEC E Hatch, K Bratsch

#### Communion

DEC	8:30	G Blem	10:30	C Johnson
Christmas Eve	4:30	G Blem	10:00	C Johnson

#### Ushers

DEC	8:30	– S Johnson, R Feil, K Larson, R Nelson
	10:30	– R Pietig, A Pietig, H Pietig, R Elbert
Christmas Eve	4:30	– S Wertish, T Wertish, L Wertish, T Wertish
	10:00	– D Revier, P Revier, E/A Revier, G Johnson

#### Tech Team

DEC 16	8:30	10:30	J Steffel
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DEC 23 8:30 S Erickson 10:30 C Lund  
DEC 30 8:30 10:30

**Coffee Host**

DEC 9 Men's group DEC 16 Altar Guild

**Readers and Altar Flowers** - The sign-up sheet is on the board

**Note to all Sunday volunteers:** As a courtesy to all those who volunteer alongside you, please try to find a fill-in whenever you are unable to be at church to serve as an usher, reader, acolyte or to serve communion.

**Adult Choir began November 28. Join anytime!** Meet in the balcony immediately following the Advent Service.

**Widow's Dinner** at Marlys' on December 10<sup>th</sup> at noon. Please call if you can come or not.

**Wild Rice Soup** is available for \$5, and is found in the chest freezer. Leave payment in Mary Senger's mailbox.

**Help Wanted:** Looking for a few people who may be interested in learning more about running the screen. Contact Laurie in the office.

**When making purchases** for the church at B&D, please submit the receipt to the office or place in Laurie's mailbox. Include event/reason for purchase and your name.

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*"Command those who are rich in this present world ... to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life." 1 Timothy 6:17-19*



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**The Bazaar Committee** would like to give everyone a big THANK YOU for donating Christmas Attic items, baked goods and progressive auction items. To all those who volunteered to work or attended the luncheon, this event was a huge success because of you! At this time over \$3,000 will be donated to church projects. May God bless each and every one of you!

**Santa's Closet Donations accepted through Dec 13.** Place NEW, UNWRAPPED- toys, clothing, personal items, small appliances, (don't forget the teenagers) in the Narthex. Volunteers are appreciated. Please call Sandy Kubesh 522-0106

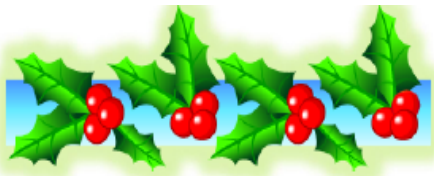
**MARRIED COUPLES - GIVE A GIFT FROM YOUR HEART** when you and your husband/wife attend the next Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend, Feb 15 - 17, 2013 in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota! The communication in your relationship will improve by leaps and bounds on this special Weekend. For more information or to apply, visit [GodLovesMarriage.org](http://GodLovesMarriage.org), or contact Peter & Phyllis McMahan at [mcmahonp@comcast.net](mailto:mcmahonp@comcast.net) or 763-561-1575. Weekends fill fast and applications are due soon - don't miss out!

## Christmas Poinsettias



George Tesch  
Dick & Gladys Hagen  
Chris & Jill Hanson  
Jody Weis  
Larry & Susan Meyer  
Sue Malecek  
Paul & Carole Buhr  
Jim & Mary Page  
Robin Amberg  
Rod Osthus  
Steve & Katie Tuthill  
Thomas & Alicia Osthus  
Wayne & Mavis Maurice  
Carol Senkyr  
Karen Barta  
Larry & Marie Rauenhorst  
Chet & Angie Boen  
Bob & Nanette Serbus  
Sharon Alton  
Eric & Jeni Skeie  
Doug & Kristi O'Neill  
Dennis & Kathy Aumer  
Sandy Padrnos  
Terry & Lora Mathison

In Memory of Beverly Tesch  
In Memory of Loved Ones  
In Memory of Loved Ones  
In Memory of Randy Akre  
In Memory of Family  
In Memory of Loved Ones  
In Memory of Loved Ones  
In Memory of Ruth Jungemann  
In Memory of Renee Stoltzman  
In Memory of Sharon Osthus  
In Memory of Sharon Osthus  
In Memory of Sharon Osthus  
In Memory of Shawn Maurice  
In Memory of Jessica Senkyr  
In Memory of Loved Ones  
In Memory of Our Parents  
In Honor of Our Lord & Savior  
In Memory of Erie & Grove Grandparents  
In Honor of Sandy Alton & Stephanie Alton  
In Honor of Our Parents  
In Honor of Barry  
In Honor of & In Memory of Loved Ones



# C of C youth

## Christmas Program

Dec. 16th During 2<sup>nd</sup> service- 10:30 AM

**Your child has a part!**

All students will be singing, and most have a poem or speaking part.

**\*Ask them what their part is and practice at home - Thank you!**

If you are unsure, check the bulletin board by the classrooms or ask Chelsey.

We can get you a copy to practice at home!

### Wow, WeeWow - Junior & Cherub Choirs

Starting on WED, JAN 2, after school until 4:30

Grades K-2 and Grades 3-6


\*\*Take bus #1 to the church.

Snacks, Bible Time, Activities, Junior and Cherub Choir Practice


Would you like to help in our Youth Ministry, but you just don't know how??

**FEED THEM!**



We are always in need of yummy food for various reasons ~ 

**Wow kids** need a healthy snack at 3:15 pm every Wednesday

**Confirmation kids** need a good hearty meal before class every Wednesday 

**Breakfast Club** is our Sr. High morning ministry, and we LOVE fresh, hot breakfasts! (contact Chelsey to provide one)

### UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

#### December:

**9** – NO Bridge Builders – Final Sunday School program practice

**16** – Sunday School Christmas Program 10:30

**16** - CLOCK Christmas Party @ CCOC 6:10

**23&30** – No Sunday School

## Return to the Lord, Your God

Joel 2:12-13, 28-29

**Key Verses:** “Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.” Joel 2:13

**Time:** About 430 B.C.E.

**Since Last Week:** Having been freed from Babylonian exile by the Persians, the Israelites returned home and began to rebuild. Ezra and Nehemiah report that during this time the temple was rebuilt, the Torah was reestablished as the law and the walls of Jerusalem were rebuilt.

**Background:** Joel contains strong imagery to paint a picture of Israel’s destruction and renewal. Many of these images call to mind the saving work of God in leading the people out of slavery in Egypt during the time of Moses. God uses the natural world to exercise power and promise for the people.

During Advent we reflect on the emptiness of the world and anticipate the coming of the Christ child. Joel’s reading is relevant for us today, as a call to repentance and renewal of faith and action.

**Community:** How is your community of faith preparing for Christmas? What difference will your preparations make in the larger community around you? What can you do to bring hope and renewal to people in need?

**At Home:** What in your life requires repentance and renewal? Who in your life needs hope? How can you bring hope to those who need it?

### Read This Week:

Monday: *End of Babylonian Captivity*, Ezra 1:1-11

Tuesday: *Lament over the Ruined Country*, Joel 1:1-12

Wednesday: *Call to Repentance and God’s Response*, Joel 1:13-20 (or 1:13-2:32)

Thursday: *Dedication of the Temple*, Ezra 6:13-22

Friday: *Ezra Restores Torah as Law*, Nehemiah 8:1-12

Saturday: *Dedication of Jerusalem’s Wall*, Nehemiah 12:27-43 (or 12:27-47)

**Next Week:** *Isaiah Announces Liberty*, Isaiah 61:1-11

**Joel 2:12–13, 28–29**

<sup>12</sup>Yet even now, says the LORD,  
return to me with all your heart,  
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;

<sup>13</sup>rend your hearts and not your clothing.

Return to the LORD, your God,  
for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,  
and relents from punishing.

<sup>28</sup>Then afterward

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;  
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
your old men shall dream dreams,  
and your young men shall see visions.

<sup>29</sup>Even on the male and female slaves,  
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

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**Worship**

Saturday 5:30pm  
Sunday 8:30 & 10:30am  
Sun School 9:30am

**Facility Hours**

Mon – Thurs 8:30-7:00  
Fri – Sun 8:30 – 2:00

