

The Caller

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Advent: A Time of Waiting and Finding

In this season of Advent, we have the opportunity to travel with the gospel writer Luke for four weeks as we approach the birth of our savior. It is my hope as we worship, pray in our homes, places of work, and in our places of learning, that we may know Christ in our waiting. As we wait in anticipation for the Christmastide our congregation is seeking, may we desire to know Christ and find God made real.

The Vestry has received a draft of the Sacred Space Survey that will be coming out on Sunday, December 6th. This survey will be sent by email and given out in paper form here at church. I encourage each parishioner to read it carefully, fill it out, and return it within two weeks. Our hope is to get as much thoughtful feedback about how each of you view our sacred space and to help give us direction on how to precede with future worship ideas.

The Vestry and I are also working on a General Survey which will look at the overall work of our parish ministries and the work of the vestry: i.e. worship, religious education, youth, welcoming, hospitality, pastoral care, membership, care of property, staffing and fiscal decisions. It is our hope, as the leadership of the congregation, that with both surveys, you will read them and fill them out with prayerful concern for the future of our congregation. This general parish survey will be ready by the first part of January, and we should have all the results of both surveys ready by, or before, the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 24th.

As your rector, I am deeply concerned for the spiritual life of each member of our faith community and how I am responding to each person's spiritual journey. I would like to invite each person to slow down, pray, and reflect about the gift of our faith during the Advent and Christmas seasons. Let us look to Christ Jesus to be our guiding star in knowing the will of God and his awaited coming into our hearts and minds as Emmanuel-God with us! May God continue to guide each of you and our congregation as we begin a new church year of hope, prayer and new possibilities!

With Longing and Joy in the Christ Child,



Fr. Charles



Alzheimers Disease is Focus of ECW Retreat

by Susie Uhlik

Women from Christ Episcopal Church gathered together on November 7th to make lap quilts for those people who suffer from Alzheimers Disease. The day began with prayer followed by *Theresa Miller* who spoke on the subject of Alzheimers and how it affects not only the person who has the disease, but those who care for the person as well. *Susie Uhlik* used the quilting process to speak on how God invites us to *Create Beauty and Connection in our Lives*. Seventeen completed lap quilts will be donated to Red Wing Health Care Center. The quilts were displayed and blessed at the ten o'clock liturgy by Fr. Charles. The ECW board would like to thank all who donated time, food, equipment, material, and their gift of sewing to make this day a huge success!



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The Power of Prayer

By Susie Uhlik

Why Do We Pray?

When we wake up in the morning, we all have so many hours in the day to accomplish what we need to do; and we try to use our time in the wisest way possible. We want our hours to be productive. We want to get the most done in as little amount of time as possible, and so we are constantly making choices on how to spend that time. Some of us make lists and some of us keep calendars, both hand-written and on our computers. Why should we choose to put prayer on our list? In choosing what to do with that time, we often find ourselves asking the question, what benefit will I gain from using my time in this way? The same question can be asked of prayer. How will I benefit? What will I gain by putting time for prayer on my calendar? The answer is really very simple. Just as we need time in the day to eat in order to nourish our bodies so we have energy to do what we need to do, we pray because "A person cannot live by bread alone." All of us are spiritual in nature and we need to take the time to nourish our spirit as well. We may start off praying to try to change a situation, but ultimately we are praying to be changed and to *be* the change we long to see in our world. We pray so the ordinary things in our day become extraordinary and sacred. We pray in order to live more authentically, becoming who we were intended to be. When we take time for prayer, our life has more meaning and depth. In prayer we discover a new peace, a new way of thinking about the daily events in our lives. We pray to heal and be healed physically, emotionally, and spiritually. We pray to learn how to forgive and be forgiven. We pray to judge less and love more. We pray to remember that *we* are God's words and actions in the world. When we pray we choose truth over illusion and the cleansing of our souls over the cluttering of our souls. We can't afford not to pray when our prisons are overflowing, our economy is struggling, people seek revenge through violent action, and there are people in our world who continue to go hungry.



Questions for Your Reflection

*What would you have to give up, or change, in order to find the time to pray?
When was the last time you had a conversation about prayer, read a book about prayer,
or tried a new way of praying? What did you learn?
Why do some people find it difficult to pray? What are the situations that put you at ease about praying by yourself or with people?*

Morning Offering

Open my heart, today, God.
Show me who I can love today.
Show me where I should go today.
Show me what I should say today.
I am safe today because I choose love.
I am strong today because I choose peace.
I am joyful today because I am in You, God, and
You are in me.
It is you, God, who accomplishes
all things through me.
Help me remember that I am separate from no one.
I am better than no one, am superior to no one.
Remove all unloving thoughts
from my mind and heart.
Please, God, allow me to be a seeker
of love instead of faults.
I relax into your timing and trust in your
power to provide.
This day is perfectly made.
I intend to stay connected to Love.
I promise to remain faithful to Light.
Amen.

*Susie Uhlik, author
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*Don't worry about anything, instead
pray about everything.
Philippians 4:6*

Holiday Gifts & Traditions

By Mary Heckman, Parish Nurse

“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights...” James 1:17 NIV



A harried woman and her children were ending their day of holiday shopping. To express her frustration and stress, she stated that whoever created Christmas should be strung up and shot. A bystander brought to her attention that someone had already crucified him. Before you get

caught up with your tasks, lists, and expectations, put them into perspective. Ask yourself what you should be celebrating: the hectic, stress-laden, financially burdened holiday season, or the gift of peace and hope.

Even though God gives us all we need for a healthy, happy life, we tend to disturb it by “spending” and “observing” the holiday on human terms. Look at the holiday traps that take up your time. Categorize your holiday tasks as “need to do,” “should do,” “want to do,” and “expected to do.” Which ones really address the Christmas spirit? Just because you are invited to attend an event or have habitually participated in an activity doesn’t mean you have to continue that activity. Prioritize all of your activities. By weeding out those that distract you from the true meaning of Christmas, you will find less stress and more enjoyment from your choices.

Advent is a time for hope, peace, joy, and love, not mounds of gifts, chaotic rounds of parties, or copious amounts of food. Consider what has real meaning for you. Is it the Christmas story you heard as a child or its impact on you as an adult? Think about the music of the holiday and how a stirring rendition of “Joy to the World” or a quiet performance of “Silent Night” displays love and peace in a harried world. Don’t let commercialism or stress overshadow the gifts of love and sharing that you offer your loved ones. Remember the spirit of Christmas, share your presence with others, reduce your stress, and create meaningful traditions that demonstrate God’s love.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.....your parish nurse.

From Season of Wholeness Volume VI

Did You Know?

By Mary Kolderie

The Anglican Church honors **Nicholas Ferrar** on December 1. He was born in 1592 to a prominent English family. The family was involved with the Virginia Company (financiers of the Virginia Colony). When the company was dissolved, Nicholas became a deacon and moved to the country. He is best known for the founding of a religious community at Little Gidding, Huntingdonshire, England, which existed from 1626-1646.



At Little Gidding, the Ferrar family, friends, and servants gave themselves entirely to religious observance. They restored the local church, taught the local children, looked after the health of the people in the area; and they wrote and illustrated books on Christian faith and morality.

Nicholas died in 1637, and Little Gidding lasted until 1646. Izaak Walton wrote about the life at Little Gidding, saying that they fasted extensively during Lent and others days and gave the food (or money) to the poor. T. S. Elliot wrote a poem titled “Little Gidding,” which is regarded as one of the greatest religious poems of the twentieth century.

Clement of Alexandria is honored on December 5. He was born in the middle of the second century and died around year 210. He was a very learned, cultured Greek philosopher. He met Pantheons, the founder of a Christian catechetical School at Alexandria, Egypt and succeeded him as the head of the school in 190. He was known for his teachings of Christianity to both pagans and Christians. One of his students, Origen, became the most eminent theologian of early Greek Christianity.



At the time that Clement lived, “Gnosticism” or “Knowledge” was a popular view of Christianity. According to the Gnostics, salvation was to be

had through a sacred (and rather esoteric) knowledge accessible to only a few people. Clement opposed this Gnostic view and asserted that Scripture contained true Christian knowledge and was available to all people. He opposed the Gnostics' negative view of the world and their denial of the role of free will. Clement wrote a treatise titled, "What Rich Man Will Be Saved?" based on Mark 10:17-31 and Jesus' words "Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven."

Military Pictures Requested

Christ Episcopal Church will be honoring those who are serving in the military by hanging each soldier's picture in the hallway going into the Parish Hall. We will include with the picture a short biography of each soldier. If you wish your soldier so honored, please send me a 4x6 picture of your soldier, preferably in uniform. Please fill out the enclosed biography and send it along with the picture.

Name: _____

How related to you: _____

Commission: _____

Job: _____

Where served: _____

I would appreciate if you could get the picture and biography back to me as soon as possible. We will start hanging the pictures as soon as they start coming in.

Sincerely, Marm Nihart
2251 Twin Bluff Road
Red Wing, MN 55066

CHRISTMAS PROJECT 2009

By Barbara Anderson

Continuing our long tradition of helping to make a Merrier Christmas for needy children, we are again launching our annual Christmas Project. I selected 5 small families (sanctioned by county social services) with a total of 8 children to provide some clothing, gift certificate for food and toys from Toys for Tots.

In the parish hall you will find a small tree with not so grand ornaments on it. You may choose one or several and purchase the item on the ornament. But don't lose the ornament.... Gift receipts are a good idea in case items need to be exchanged. Please wrap the item(s) and attach the ornament so we know to whom to give the item. Santa is going out of town for Christmas so please return the presents to the tree as soon as possible - NO LATER THAN DEC. 20.

Money is needed to pay for the food gift certificates in the amount of \$500. If you wish to give any amount, please put it into the collection plate, designated for the Christmas Project or send it to the church office.

If the Holy Spirit moves you to make cookies and/or other items we can include in the boxes, we will be happy to receive them. Leave them by the tree or let me know. Any large item might be a problem.

Thank you for your continued support. You, the congregation, make this easy for me complete successfully every year.

God bless us all, Barb Anderson 388-6467

For the month of October, our Pledges and Contributions were:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Month:	\$12,506	\$13,333
YTD	\$135,265	\$133,333

CHILI BAKE - OFF & AND BAR BAKE-OFF JANUARY 23, 2010

5 P.M.

Get your favorite recipe, practice, and join us for the
1st Annual Christ Episcopal Chili and Bar Bake-Off.



**More information and sign-up sheets
will be available in the January Caller.**
Sponsored in full by G.I.F.T, the Committee that knows
how to have FUN and wants to share it with you



A note from Vicki

Special thanks to all who pitched in to help while I was gone. Special thanks to Meg Lahammer, Megan Sullivan, and Beckie Plaas for your expert assistance. I am thankful to be almost completely recovered from the surgery and thrilled to be back.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Our mission: Pass on our faith in the risen Christ through stories, songs, and activities.

“Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.”

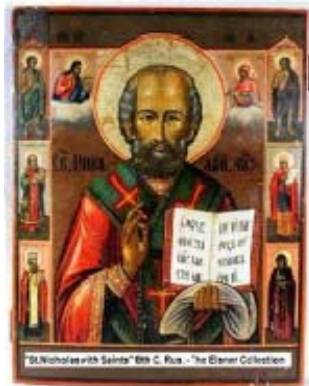
II Timothy 1:7, 14

This fall we continue with the new curriculum and a great new format for sharing God’s unlimited love. We have so much to be thankful for. How can we begin to thank everyone we love and even those we don’t love so much? Several children remain absent from Sunday

school. Please pray for our health and schedules. Please pray for us to stay healthy and grow!



On December 6, let us remember St. Nicholas and his generosity. Did you know he was an orphan? Did you know he was very rich and gave everything he had to the poor in order to serve Christ? It is said that he would toss little pouches of coins through the windows of the poor and that sometimes the pouches would land in stockings that had been washed and were hung on the windowsill to dry. Once, finding all the windows in a house shut, Saint Nicholas tossed the pouch up to the roof, where it went down the chimney. There is much more to his life.



This month we are going to be preparing for the Christmas pageant. We will be sharing the story of the birth of Jesus in two parts: one on Christmas Eve 12/24 at 4 p.m. and the other at Worship at 10 a.m. on 12/27. Please come for both to enjoy our children and share in their talents.

ADVENT IS HERE!!!

What can you do to make this time of waiting for the baby Jesus to be born special?

Here are a few ideas. Make extra family time to:

- ✦ Pray a short prayer and have everyone finish this simple prayer: “Lord, bless our family with...”
- ✦ Make a “homemade coupon” (you know, “one free hug!” or “do your chore for one week!” type of thing) that you could give to a person who needs it.
- ✦ Talk about how must life have been difficult for Mary after she heard from Gabriel? What about for Joseph after his messenger came?
- ✦ Make a Christmas card for an elderly neighbor.
- ✦ There are many examples in the Bible where God makes people wait! Why do you think He does this? What is good about waiting? (Have you thought about it in that way before?)
- ✦ Make a special ornament from old Christmas cards.
- ✦ Jesus is known as the Prince of Peace. What does peace mean to you? Can you share a time when you experienced peace? How can we bring peace to others, especially our family?



YOUTH NEWS

Our mission: Come alongside our youth to share the gospel and help them navigate adolescence with their faith intact. “Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.”

1 Timothy 4:12

It is always wonderful to welcome new friends and get together to share how Jesus is working in our lives. They had a great time at United Lutheran’s Agape concert and at Treasure Island bowling.

Check it out! Here is what’s happening this month.

- 11/27 a.m.. Holiday Stroll – Set up luminaries in the morning.
4-7 p.m. Give ½ hour to help serve, set-up, and clean-up.
- 12/9 7-8:30 p.m. Christmas party at Christ church! Bring friends. We will eat, sing karaoke, play games, and enjoy each other’s company.



Sign up for Epiphany Event.

12/20 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Make and deliver care packages to members of our parish who are shut in.

12/24 4 p.m./11 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship.

1/3/10 10 a.m. Epiphany Play and Celebration
(Rehearsal times TBA)



EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Our mission: To share and help build our faith in Christ through classes, Bible studies, workshops, and conversations in small groups.

The education committee meets the last Tuesday of the month at 4pm and is open to new members. If you would see something new, different, or just be heard, consider joining this group. Our next meeting is December 29th at 4pm. This group meets year round.



If you have any great ideas for parish education, please contact Vicki at christcheducation@hotmail.com or call 388-0411 x15. I am always looking for ways to serve you better.

CONFIRMATION



Cameron, Preston, and Grace continue participating in the confirmation process. Please pray for them. If you have an interest in mentoring any of these young people, please contact Fr. Charles or Vicki.

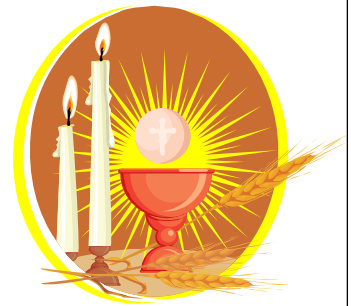
Christian Conversations

Education is now available at two times. Each class will be presented after both worship services. We hope this will assist everyone in their planning and enable them to be able to take advantage of the great topics we are offering this fall.



New Holy Communion Classes Coming in Lent 2010

Fr. Charles and Vicki Lambert have been working on developing a new Holy Communion Class with an emphasis on educating both parents and children, which will be two half-hour classes (March 21st & 28th). Information will be given to both parent and child to take home, pray with, and practice why we celebrate Jesus' Last Supper, and ask God's blessings to be upon the bread and wine and how we present ourselves in receiving Holy Communion. The class will conclude with the parents and children receiving Holy Communion together at the Easter morning celebration on April 4th. Children who are Kindergarten age and older may participate in the classes. If your child is younger than kindergarten age, please consult with Vicki or Fr. Charles. More information will be coming out before Lent.



Nov 29	<i>Advent Wreath Event – All parish Refurbish or Build an Advent Wreath. Enjoy time with our children.</i>	
Dec 6	ST. NICHOLAS DAY Hot Breakfast and blood pressure clinic between services	
Dec 13	Reflections on Advent – Part 1 by Father Charles	
Dec 20	Reflections on Advent – Part 2 by Father Charles	
Dec 27	No class – Children will be presenting Part 2 of the Christmas pageant at the 10am worship.	
Jan 3	EPIPHANY PAGEANT Hot Breakfast and blood pressure clinic between services	

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Worship Winks: Why do we not sing or say the “Gloria,” during Advent or Lent?

By Father Charles Uhlik

During the Advent season many people are starting to get in the mood for having fun and “getting into the Christmas spirit.” I am sure many of you have heard that phrase. The Church in its wisdom is no different. As we begin the new Church year, Advent is a time of longing with anticipation for the big party, a birthday celebration of our messiah – Jesus the newborn King! It is with this same reluctant energy that we restrain our singing the “Gloria,” during Advent. We are preparing for the surprise party by going without singing the Gloria during the Christmas season so that we can sing out with a renewed celebration and vibrancy during Christmas! (Remember what the angels sing flying over Bethlehem?) Unlike the season of Lent, we are not in a time of doing without in our lives or being penitential, but during the season of Advent we are in a time of thankfulness and deep appreciation for the miracle of the new life of God with us—*Emmanuel*, as the *Prince of Peace*! I invite you to bring a noise maker or bell to our Christmas Eve celebrations on Thursday, December 24th at 4 and 11 p.m. to ring in the remembrance of our savior’s birth.



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December Memorials

- 12/06 **Church** In memory of E. H. Kelm by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Kelm
Chapel In Memory of Lucy Falls from her family
- 12/13 **Church** In loving memory Ernie Preble by Betty Stolpa
Chapel In memory Evalyn Foot
- 12/20 **Church** In memory of Bridgett by Gary Flattum
Chapel In memory of Victor & Lorna Smith and C. F. McClellan by Alan & Jane Smith
- 12/24 & 12/25 **Church** In loving memory of Gregory Hoff, Richard Schotta & Clifford Simonson by Emily Hoff, Jeanette Schotta, & Sue Simonson
- 12/27 **Church & Chapel**—Poinsettias

I thank my God upon every remembrance of you.
 Philippians 1:3

December Scripture Readings

- 12/06 **2nd Sunday of Advent:** Malachi 3:1-4; Canticle 4 or 16; Philippians 1:3-11
Gospel: Luke 3:1-6
- 12/13 **3rd Sunday of Advent:** Zephaniah 3:14-20; Canticle 9; Philippians 4:4-7
Gospel: Luke 3:7-18
- 12/20 **4th Sunday of Advent:** Micah 5:2-5a; Psalm 80:1-7; Hebrews 10:5-10
Gospel: Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)
- 12/25 **Christmas Eve: 4 p.m.** Isaiah 9:2-7, Psalm 97, **Gospel:** Luke 2:8-20
 11 p.m. Isaiah 9:2-7, Psalm 97, Titus 3:4-7, **Gospel:** Luke 2:1-20
- 12/27 **The Epiphany:** Isaiah 60:1-6 ; Ephesians 3:1-12
 Psalm 72:1-7,10-14
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

(Readings can be found on the Internet at this website:
<http://www.io.com/~kellywp/index.html>)

Birthdays

12/01	Mark McNairy	12/21	Josh Ledebuhr
12/03	Zeill Gardlund		Olivia Uhlik
12/04	Nicholas Blue	12/22	Ellie Reinitz
12/05	Virgil Ferber		Sam Brown
12/06	Heidi Befort	12/23	Logan Phillips
12/08	Heather Flueger		Elizabeth Horen
	Megan Sullivan	12/24	Peggy Danielson
12/12	Nathan Uhlik	12/26	Stacey Ledebuhr
12/03	Gretchen Lee	12/28	Kailen Plaas
12/14	Anne Simonson		Hazel Jablonski
12/15	Taylor Ann Delamater	12/30	Judy Mann
			Angela Gustafson
12/16	Jane (McMillen) Thelan	Anniversaries	
12/17	Carolyn Pedro	12/11	Kris & Sharon Hager
12/18	Tracey Mann	12/17	Barney & Mary Flueger
	Erin Foley	12/21	Ernie & Mary Ann Valentine
12/19	Pat Thomas	12/29	Kik & Steve Gheen
12/20	Josh Kelm		

Seasons of Life

Deaths

Margery Eleanor Pirius

Born to this life on August 12, 1924

Entered God's Kingdom November 29, 2009

Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more

Grief Support

Journey Through Grief groups meet bi-weekly for 90 minutes and include time for planned topic discussions, as well as personal sharing. Co-facilitated by Carol McClelland, Coordinator of Bereavement Services, Fairview Red Wing Hospice, and Jane Whiteside, Ph.D. Free. No registration required. Call Carol at 651.385.3345 for more information. We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, Downtown Plaza, 10 a.m., 9th Floor Conference Room, 434 W. 4th Street.

Gluten Free Communion Wafers

If you have wheat allergies or Celiac Disease, please notify an usher or Altar Guild member prior to the service if you would like a gluten free communion wafer.

DECEMBER 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Every Sunday 8 am Holy Eucharist-Rite 1 Chapel 8:45-11:30 am Child Care 9 am Sunday School-starts 10 am Holy Eucharist-Rite 2 Church 5 pm CA. 7 pm AA	Every Monday Rector's Day Off 4 pm Dana Dance		Every Wednesday 10 am Holy Eucharist, Chapel 11 am CEC Staff Mtg 11 am Women's Bible Study 6 pm CA	Every Thursday Noon AA Mtg	Every Friday Rector's Sabbath Day 7 pm A Course in Miracles	Every Saturday
		1 <i>Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon</i> 5:15 pm G.I.F.T.	2 <i>Channing Moore Williams, Missionary, Bishop</i> 6 pm Bell Choir 6 pm Hospitality 7 pm Confirmation	3 See Every Thursday Above	4 <i>John of Damascus</i> See Every Friday Above	5 <i>Clement of Alexandria, Priest</i> See Every Saturday Above
6 <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i> See Every Sunday Above Hot Breakfast 8:45-9:30 N Baptism Class Bishop Nicholas visit 4:30 pm Contemporary Service-Youth Room	7 <i>Ambrose, Bishop</i> See Every Monday Above 12 N Junior Guild 5:30 p.m. Property	8	9 See Every Wednesday Above Youth Group Christmas Bash	10 See Every Thursday Above 12N Finance Mtg 4:30 pm HR	11 See Every Friday Above	12 See Every Saturday Above 10 am Liturgy
13 <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i> See Every Sunday Above 11:30 am Acolyte Mtg 4:30 pm Contemporary Service-Youth Room	14 See Every Monday Above 7 pm Horticulture Mtg Caller articles due	15 7 pm Vestry	16 See Every Wednesday Above 12N Ministerial Assoc	17 See Every Thursday Above 4:45 pm Altar Guild	18 See Every Friday Above 6 pm Adult Dinner—Smokin' Oak	19 See Every Saturday Above 9 am Decorate Church 10 am ECW Board
20 <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i> See Every Sunday Above 11:30 Decorate Parish Hall; Youth Group put together Care Pkgs 4:30 pm Contemporary Service-Youth Room	21 <i>St. Thomas, Apostle</i> See Every Monday Above	22	23 See Every Wednesday Above	24 See Every Thursday Above Christmas Eve 4 pm Family service 11 pm Holy Eucharist/ Choir & Music	25 See Every Friday Above Christmas Day	26 <i>St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr</i> See Every Saturday Above
27 <i>1st Sunday After Christmas—Epiphany</i> See Every Sunday Above 4:30 pm Contemporary Service-Youth Room	28 <i>St. John, Apostle & Evangelist</i> See Every Monday Above	29 <i>Holy Innocents</i> 4 pm Education	30 <i>Francis Joseph Gaudet, Educator and Prison Reformer</i>	31 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> Fr. Charles will be on vacation from Dec. 28th—Jan 2nd </div>		

Watch for updates in your Sunday Herald.

December Sunday Ministries

Please save for reference throughout the month.

All Acolytes, Lectors, Readers & Cup Bearers, please gather with Fr. Charles in the Sacristy 15 minutes before the service to pray together. If you are unable to fulfill your assigned obligation, please find a replacement and notify the office

Date	Time	Acolytes	Lectors	Cup Bearers	Greeter/Ushers	Coffee Hour
6 2nd Sunday of Advent	8 a.m..	Reid Johnson	Charlene Friedrich Mary Christensen	Gordy Gieseke	Randy & Catherine Johnson	Hot breakfast
	10 a.m.	Preston Blaney Cam Koch	Margaret Baker Heather Flueger	Lorraine Remus Alice Nelson	Buck & Joan Foot Steve & Ellie Reinitz Sharon Bryan	Margaret Baker Marm Nihart
13 3rd Sunday of Advent	8 a.m.	Ruth Lambert	Catherine Johnson Randy Johnson	Randy Johnson	Randy & Catherine Johnson	Continental Breakfast
	10a.m.	Matt Knudson Grace Lambert	Judy Mann Chuck McMillen	Dawna McMillen Peggy Danielson	Buck & Joan Foot Steve & Ellie Reinitz Sharon Bryan	Debbie Collins
20 4th Sunday of Advent	8 a.m.	Reid Johnson	Mary Ann Valentine Gordy Gieseke	Mary Ann Valentine	Randy & Catherine Johnson	Continental Breakfast
	10 a.m.	Caleb Dressen Preston Blaney	Donald Mayo Leslie Bensed	Lorraine Remus Don Mayo	Buck & Joan Foot Steve & Ellie Reinitz Sharon Bryan	Bill & Marge Hoyt
25 Christmas Eve	4 p.m.	Reid Johnson Ruth Lambert	Children-Readings Lorraine Remus- Prayers of the People	Lorraine Remus Randy Johnson	Randy & Catherine Johnson	<i>MERRY CHRISTMAS</i>
	11 p.m.	Caleb Dressen Matt Knudson	Arlene Beckwith Gene Beckwith	Mary Kolderie Gordy Gieseke	Buck & Joan Foot Steve & Ellie Reinitz Sharon Bryan	
27 The Epiphany	8 a.m.	Ruth Lambert	Mary Christensen Mary Flueger	Gordy Gieseke	Randy & Catherine Johnson	Continental Breakfast
	10 a.m.	Matt Knudson Cam Koch	Pam Dressen Pat Welke	Mary Kolderie Terry Van Allen	Buck & Joan Foot Steve & Ellie Reinitz Sharon Bryan	Gwen & Mark Lynch
Altar Guild: Char Friedrich-Chair, Katy Jeske-Co Chair, June Gustafson, Marm Nihart, Jane Solberg, Suzanne Simonson Jeannette Wilson-Altar Guild Directress						

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Pledge Cards

2010 Pledge information is now available on the church website. Please get your pledges in as soon as possible. This year, you also have the option of automatic withdrawal from your bank. The form is on the website as page 2 of the pledge document.

From the Junior Guild

By Marian Gustafson

We would like to give a special Thank-You to everyone who participated in one way or another to help make the All Church Bake Sale and Bazaar a success on November 5th. Your donation or purchase was very much appreciated. It was a good event and made for some great fellowship.



Church History

150 years of Christ Church History Books are available for all members. Please pick one up at the church.

Annual Report

All annual reports are due to Pat Welke by January 10, 2010. The annual meeting is Sunday, January 24. You can submit your report via email to pwelke@charter.net, christchpw@msn.com, or, if you must submit the report on paper, in Pat's mailbox in the church office. Email is preferred.

Paper Bags Needed

If you have extra paper bags, please bring them to the church for Lottie to use for recycling.

*Experience Christ in a relaxed worship setting.
Designed to help us slow down, center ourselves, and
renew our relationship with the Risen Christ*

4:30pm - Location: Under the parish hall

Childcare Available—Snacks and Fellowship follow

**Email addresses: If you have an email address or a new email address, please notify the church office.
We are updating our records and compiling an up-to-date list for church emailings.**