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# The Good News

of Christ Lutheran Church

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## “Investing in the Kingdom”

New Year’s Day is an exciting time. It is the beginning of a new year and it is a time filled with hope and expectations. New Year’s resolutions are made with good intentions to once again make our life better, healthier and more wonderful in every way.

As we begin 2012, I suggest that we consider the ways in which we invest in the Kingdom of God. What sort of resolution can we adopt that will spread the good news of Jesus Christ?

Perhaps this thought can become reality as we consider how to use the \$50 that was given to worshipers in November.

If you remember, we not only collected an offering, we gave money to each family in attendance.

An anonymous giver blessed us with the money so that each of us could make a difference in someone’s life and invest in the Kingdom.

Some of the suggested projects:

- Buy paint for an elderly poor person and paint a room for them,
- Bake or make something to sell at church or to family and friends thereby increasing the gift and return proceeds to church.
- Make and sell Kingdom jewelry.
- Buy ingredients and prepare a meal for a shut-in or someone recovering from surgery.

## Pastor Craig Wagner

- Buy a warm coat for someone you know who can not afford one.
- Pay for a poor person’s medical prescriptions.
- Buy food for a food pantry and deliver it yourself.

There is no end to the possibilities. We encourage each person to prayerfully consider a way that you can on a personal level invest in the Kingdom with this \$50 gift.

Already, I have heard of several creative ideas for the use of the money. Next month we will share some of the ways that the money was used to further the good news of Jesus Christ.

Ash  
Wednesday

## WORSHIP & BREAKFAST, FEBRUARY 22, 9:30 AM

Come and join us for a Holy Communion service, including the imposition of ashes, followed by a continental breakfast. We will gather in the transept (overflow) of the church for this annual event. Invite friends to join in this special service.



Welcome  
Our New  
Members

On Sunday, November 20th, Jim & Michelle Minasola (and Maggie, Katie, Ben & Ella) and Yvonne O'Loughlin (and Elizabeth) joined with this congregation. Please find an opportunity to make them welcome!



### Souper Bowl of Caring

While millions of Americans prepare for the BIG game on Super Bowl Sunday, youth across the country will be coming together for a single cause: TO END HUNGER! Join our youth on February 5<sup>th</sup> by bringing in non-perishable items for the Palatine Food Pantry or by making a cash donation to benefit the ELCA World Hunger Program (or both).

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Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, is a 5th Sunday. We will have only one worship service at 9:30am.



## The Annual Business Meeting

of Christ Lutheran Church will take place on  
Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 AM

On this day we will have one combined worship service at 9:30 AM, followed immediately by the Annual Meeting.

All voting members are encouraged to attend. Voting members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members shall have communed and made a contribution of record during the current or preceding year.

Annual Reports and the proposed Budget for 2012 will be available at the Information Desk the Sunday prior to the meeting.

### “Get On The Bus!”

"Mom, I love you!"...remember looking your Mom in the eyes and telling her you loved her? There are 8,500 children in the Chicagoland area who yearn to say "I love You" and hug their Moms but can't. Their mothers are serving time in one of seven Illinois prisons more than 100 miles away. The only opportunity during this year that some of these children will get to see their mom is if YOU help take them there. LSSI's (Lutheran Social Services of Illinois) "Visits to Moms" program maintains the

vital link between children and their incarcerated moms through regular visits. Research has shown that many of these children will drop out of school and some 70% of them wind up in prison themselves, unless they are able to maintain a relationship with their mothers.

WANT TO HELP?? Join us Sunday, January 22nd, 7-9pm at Pastor Craig and Lorna's home, 771 N. Coolidge, Palatine. Pastor and Lorna are hosting a "Get On The Bus"

house party to raise \$2,000 or more to sponsor and name a bus to transport the children to visit their Moms.

Please, please join us and help make a huge difference in the life of a child.

See Pastor, Debbie Peterson or Sharon Whiting with questions.

 Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

## Get On The Bus!



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## Memorials 2011

Throughout the year, generous donations are made to the memory or honor of individuals. Thank you for your gifts!

**Arlene Chisholm:** M/Mrs Paul Graesser

**Bob Dewyze:** Adele Miesfeldt

**Lorriane Chole:** Harriet Kummerow

**Helen Spengler:** Harriet Kummerow, Marjorie Stibgen, Sterling & Darlene Mische, David Svendsen, Carl Lantz, Donald & Barbara Olson, Don & Sandy Kramlich, Jim & Judy Brenner, Richard & Marlene Aumuller

**Virginia Wagner:** Margaret Johnson, M/M Jerry Tlapa, J.M. Schwartz, Mavis Storry, David & Debbie Petersen, M/M Alfred Knapp, John & Jessie Kalinowski, M/M Gary Latkow, Richard & Marilyn Guthrie, Jeannette Busse, Larry & Betty Anderson, Jackie Fortuna, Lee & Sue Borresen, Maggie Burton, MeeAe Kim, M/M Hans Lepuschitz, Toby & Carolyn Mangold, Lavonne Roge, Irmi & Melanie Martinschitz, Joan Straley, Don & Sandy Kramlich, Margaret Johnson, Mary Priscilla Circle, Howard Anderson, Douglas Blass, Warren & Judy Baker, M/M Nicholas Castronova, Gary & Vicki Drennon, Betty Graese, The Duma Family, Don & Lee Granell, Margo Grulke, Gladys Hall, M/M Bill Jackson, Pete & Jamie Larsen, M/M Bill Limperes, Sterling & Darlene Mische, Sue Quinn, M/M Bernard Rossbach, Howard & Helen Schersten, Douglas & Arlene Schneiss, Ken & Paula Spengler, David Svendsen, Arnie & Pat Sylvester, Joseph Wagner, Jim & Kathy Secora, John & Dorothy Shartle, Marilyn Wicks, Jim & Judy Brenner, David & Cecile Paul, Jim & Susan Spengler, Lora Clark, Russell & Joyce Doeblor, Brad Sims, Herb & Judy Payer, Lee Ferber, Donald & Barbara Olson, Harriet Kummerow, Bill & Joan Eunson, Thomas & Marilyn Cuttill, Lorraine Klemm, Eloise Haverland, Arthur & Alice Just, Joseph & Diane Winters, Dennis & Pam Harding, John & Nancy Smylie, Phil & Vickie Sawicki, Barb Moller, Linda Endless, George & Doreen Truckenmiller, Sharon Whiting, Richard & Marlene Aumuller, Ron & Joy Entzminger

**Loretta Latkow:** MeeAe Kim, Frieda Dumalski, Lois Anderman, M/M Ed Stevens, Lorraine Klemm, Nicholas Castronova, Carol Johnson, Doug & Arlene Schneiss, Joe & Diane Winters, Margo Grulke, Betty Graese, Craig & Lorna Wagner, John & Jessie Kalinowski, Harry & Sue Quinn, George & Doreen Truckenmiller, Mavis Storry, M/M William Hayward, Joseph Wagner, M/M Raymond Oswalt, Richard & Marlene Aumuller

**Henrietta Nelligan:** Joan Straley, Howard & Helen Schersten, Mavis Storry, M/M Walter Kiefer, Brad & Jeff Sims

**Judy Blyth:** Harriet Kummerow

**Roger Harding:** John & Nancy Smylie



Memorial Gifts

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## Spirited Women

Sharon Whiting

Spirited Women are actively participating in the "Get On The Bus" Program and hope that you will join us on Sunday, January 22nd at Pastor and Lorna's home. As part of the services for Prison and Family Ministry, we are always collecting new books for the Storybook program, wherein the books are read and recorded by incarcerated Mother and given to their children. Collection baskets are in the Holy Grounds coffee shop. If you bring a book, let the hostesses know and your coffee will be free! Thank You

Saturdays with the Spirited Women: February 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am, in Holy Grounds. We will welcome guests and the board of "Between Friends" to host a screening of the film "Sin in Silence". The film depicts the impact of domestic violence on women who took action against their abusers. It examines how these women learned from their past and advocate for a future free of violence. Please join us as we partner with Between Friends to bring new joy into the hearts of women. It may not be you...but perhaps you are uncomfortable with behavior you are seeing in the life of a friend, a neighbor or family member. Everyone is welcome.

*Between Friends is a non profit organization dedicated to breaking the cycle of domestic violence.*

## This and That...

### Remembering the CLC Butterfly Banner

The butterfly as it emerges from the chrysalis represents an Easter symbol of new life. The original banner was retired years ago. The banner depicted a purple and lavender butterfly resting on a stem of a flowering Rose of Sharon. Hopefully, another banner similar to it may be created by this Easter. Needed for this project includes a pattern maker, sewers and shoppers. Interested? Please contact Paula Spengler or Diane Winters.

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### Thoughts from Bangladesh R. Entzminger

While visiting the Christian College of Theology in Bangladesh, I saw this note on the desk of one of the staff. While not written by her, it speaks to our hearts for service and universal Christian fellowship.

#### WHAT MONEY CAN BUY

A bed BUT NOT sleep  
 Books BUT NOT brains  
 Food BUT NOT appetite  
 Finery BUT NOT beauty  
 A house BUT NOT a home  
 Medicine BUT NOT health  
 Luxuries BUT NOT culture  
 Amusement BUT NOT happiness  
 A crucifix BUT NOT a Savior  
 A church pew BUT NOT heaven

What money can't buy, Jesus Christ can give freely without charge.

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**CLC Youth** will volunteer with the Yellow Ribbon Project on Sunday, January 29th, at 4:00p.m. Be sure to mark your calendars, as we will again help pack "care packages" for our troops deployed overseas.

Luther's Blend Coffee is available for purchase during January in the Holy Grounds coffee shop. Thanks to those who helped make this fundraiser a success!

## Thanks to All Those Who Provided Poinsettias this past Christmas!



In Memory of:  
 (unless stated differently)

Ron & Ann Anderson	
Rob & Melanie Andres	Jennie & Phil Andres
Warren & Judy Baker	Parents
Lee & Sue Borresen	
John & Donna Blyth	Judy Blyth
Jack & Jolinda Brynildssen	
Vicki Drennon	
Ron & Joy Entzminger	To the Glory of God
Donald & Lee Granell	
Gladys Hall	Jerry Hall
Eloise Haverland	Edna Stone
John & Jessie Kalinowski	Charlotte & Edna
Don & Sandy Kramlich	Parents
Harriet Kummerow	Glenn Kummerow
Nancy Larsen	
Peter & Jamie Larsen	To the Glory of God
Toby & Carolyn Mangold	In honor of our Family
Dorothy McDaniel	
Adele Miesfeldt	
Sterling & Darlene Mische	Loved Ones
Barbara Moller	Richard Moller
James Roche	
Howard & Helen Schersten	
Jim & Kathy Secora	Jim's Father
Brad & Jeff Sims	
John & Nancy Smylie	
Ken & Paula Spengler	
Mavis Storry	
Arnie & Pat Sylvester	To the Glory of God
Bill & Pat Trecka	
George & Doreen Truckenmiller	
Pastor Craig & Lorna Wagner	To the Glory of God
Paul & Cindy Wang	
Nancy Wasmer	To the Glory of God
Joe & Diane Winters	



**Thanks** to everyone who participated in the December Craft & Cookie Fair. Almost \$1,200 was raised, which helped provide new lightweight banquet tables for the fellowship hall.