

Our Savior's Reaching Out

December 2010

Advent Worship Services

8:30 and 10:45 A.M. Services

1st Sunday in Advent

November 28th

“Heaven’s Child”

Presented by Free Spirit

Narrated by Steve and Donita Delzer

Deep in her heart Mary knew exactly who it was that she held in her arms. As we celebrate His birth, we also celebrate the new birth that we find only in Him. When Christ comes to live within the human heart, that heart will change.

2nd Sunday in Advent

December 5th

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Presented by Our Savior’s Singers

If you are like me, listening to and singing the Christmas Carols fills me with the Joy of Christmas. “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus” is a celebration of the Christmas Story woven together with Christmas Carols. Join us as the Savior’s Singers, Strings, Narrators, and the congregation celebrate the age-old story of Jesus’ birth through Word and Song.

3rd Sunday in Advent

December 12th

“Shepherds, Sheep and a Savior”

Presented by Our Sunday/Wednesday School Children

On a hill just outside of Bethlehem, lowly shepherds were tending their sheep at night. They didn’t get much company out there. People had been passing through for several days as the census was underway, but they hardly spoke at all as they walked by on their way to Bethlehem. Nobody really wanted to talk to the shepherds. That is, nobody except an angel! They may have been at the bottom of the social ladder in Bethlehem, but God chose shepherds to be the first ones to see the Savior! This is their story - what they heard and what they saw that marvelous night when God came to dwell with men.

4th Sunday in Advent

December 19th

“Emmanuel, God With Us”

Presented by Proclaim!!!

Pastor Joanna Mitchell will be preaching

CAFÉ MIDWEEK

December Menu

December 1 - BBQ Pork Sandwiches
December 8 - Pizza
December 15 - Chicken and Beef Tacos
December 22 and December 29 - No meal served
“Merry Christmas”

Serving is from 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Cost is \$3.00/person with a family maximum of \$15.00.

Join us in the All Purpose Room for great food and fellowship!

Facts and Figures for October 2010

	(Actual)	(Budget)
Oct. Offering	\$59,528	\$59,500
Oct. Expenses	\$56,269	\$52,813
YTD Offering	\$500,458	\$548,500
YTD Expenses	\$547,523	\$557,453

YTD Offerings are \$48,042 below budget, and YTD Expenses are \$ 9,930 under budget. If you have fallen behind on your offering pledge please try to catch up in the last weeks of 2010. We will make the final deposit for 2010 on Friday, December 31. We must receive your contributions by noon for them to be included on your 2010 Contribution Statement.

During these difficult economic times we thank everyone for their continued support of the ministries of Our Savior's Lutheran. Thank you to the Staff and Church Council for their careful management of expenses.

Fall Stewardship Program Update

As of November 22, 147 Financial Commitment Cards have been returned, totaling \$348,188.00. If you have not yet returned your Commitment Card, we invite you to return it by Sunday, December 5. If you have misplaced your Commitment Card please contact the church office at 331-2276 or email geo@oursaviorsfbo.org. Thank you for all you do in support of the ministries of Our Savior.

2011 Offering Envelopes
will be available in the narthex
December 5th.

**Our Savior's Lutheran
Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 30th**

**Congregational Meal at 11:45
Annual Meeting at 12:30**

Nominations for Church Council

If you or someone you know is interested in serving on the Church Council please pick up a copy of the **Nomination for Church Council** form at the Welcome Center or in the church office, or contact one of the following members of the Nominating Committee: Dave Borka (chair), Barb Hallet, Mark Hunt, Wendy Rossow, Kathy Stepka, Linda Wood, or Pastor Steve. Deadline for nominations is Sunday, November 28. There are three open positions on the Council this year. All are 3-year terms (2011-2013):

One President Elect

One Treasurer

One At-Large Member

Lamplighter's December Meeting

The December meeting of the Lamplighters is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 7th in the All Purpose Room**. A catered meal will be served promptly at 11:45 am. Cost of the meal will be \$9.00 for Lamplighter members. The Faribault Senior High School carolers will provide entertainment. A brief meeting and seasonal activities will follow.

**Congratulations and
God's Blessings!
to:**

Stephanie Kappes and Jeffrey Almendinger who were married at Our Savior's on November 20.

Baptisms

October 31, 2010

Bentley Ryan Muchow

son of Kristi Smith and Matt Muchow.

November 21, 2010

Liah, Bhan, and Savannah Makuach

children of Nyachuol Puoch
and Gatluak Jerweng.

Welcome to the family little ones!

Our Sympathy to:

**Tim and Molly Rancourt
in the death of Molly's father.**

**Susie and Jim Marquardt
in the death of Susie's mother,
Alice Hornemann.**

May the promise of resurrection into eternal life give you much hope and comfort in this time of loss.

Crossways Bible Study Continues in December

Study of Section 6 (The New Testament Letters and Revelation) will begin on Wednesday, December 8. The class is led by Pastors Steve Delzer and Joanna Mitchell, and meets on Wednesdays from 6:15-7:30pm, in Classroom I (in the NW corner of the Education Wing). Please call the church office to register (331-2276). Study guides for the class cost \$12.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lesson</u>
Dec. 8	Unit 51: John's Letters 1 & 2 Thessalonians
Dec.15	Unit 52: Galatians
Dec. 22	NO CLASS
Dec. 29	NO CLASS
Jan. 5	Units 53 & 54: 1 & 2 Corinthians
Jan. 12	Unit 55: Romans
Jan. 19	Unit 56: The Captivity Letters
Jan. 26	Unit 57: 1 & 2 Timothy; Titus
Feb. 2	NO CLASS
Feb. 9	Unit 58: Hebrews
Feb. 16	Unit 59: 1 & 2 Peter; James; Jude
Feb. 23	Unit 60: Revelation

Celebrating 100 Years of the Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

A group is forming from the congregations of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod to join our partners in the Central Diocese of Tanzania for the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the beginning of the Lutheran Church. Approximate dates of the trip are December 1-16, 2011, pending air travel arrangements. The estimated cost is \$3,000-\$3,500. A \$500 deposit is due by April 30, 2011 to the synod office. Participants will need a current US Passport, entry visa, and medical immunizations prior to the trip. For more information, contact Rev. Craig Breimhorst clc@christonthehill.org or Facebook:search "Craig Breimhorst"

For some the Holidays are a sad time of year. There are a variety of reasons that this Christmas season may be hard for you, perhaps you are dealing with the death of a loved one, facing life after a divorce or separation, loss of job, living with cancer or some other disease, or struggling with depression or painful childhood memories. On Sunday, December 19th at 7pm we invite you to gather for a Blue Christmas Worship Service at Our Savior\$. We will join together for healing prayer, scripture, candle lighting and music that remember that God's word does come to shine light into our darkness.

I'm Spending Christmas

with Jesus This Year

I see the countless Christmas trees
Around the world below
With tiny lights like heaven stars
Reflecting on the snow
The sight is so spectacular
Please wipe away that tear
For I'm spending Christmas
With Jesus Christ this year
I hear the many Christmas songs
That people hold so dear
The sounds of music can't compare
With the Christmas choir up here
For I have no words to tell you
Of the joy their voices bring
For it's beyond description
To hear the angels sing
I know how much you miss me
I see the pain inside your heart
But through our memories so dear

We're never far apart
I can't tell you of the splendor
Or the peace here in this place

Can you just imagine Christmas
With our Savior face to face
I'd ask him to light your spirit
As I tell him of your love
Then pray for one another
As you lift your eyes above
So please let your hearts be joyful
And let your spirit sing
For I'm spending Christmas in heaven
And I'm walking with the King.

Christmas Eve Worship

Friday, December 24

3:00pm

Family Service

(for families with small children.)

5:00pm

Traditional Service

(Special Music by Our Savior's Singers)

10:00pm

Candlelight Service

with Holy Communion

A Prayer written by Pastor Steve Delzer

(to be used as you gather with family and friends on Christmas Eve).

Dear God,

We gather together, our hearts filled with joy, preparing to celebrate the birth of a boy, who long ago came to dwell on the earth, and still to this day, he fills us with mirth. And so as we gather together this night, continue to fill us with your holy light. Help us always to be those who show care, as with one another your love we share. Bless us and your gifts that now we receive, and give us the strength as your people to live. Amen.

Movie Night!

All Kindergarten through 5th grade students are invited to movie night! Meet in the Chapel on December 3rd from 6-8pm. Feel free to come in your PJs and bring your favorite blankets/sleeping bag and pillow. Snacks will be provided. Sign-up ASAP. **We will be watching Toy Story 3!** Hope to see you there!

Children's Christmas Program

Our Children's Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 12th at both the 8:30 and 10:45 services. All children enrolled in church school ages 3 - 5th grade will be singing for both services. Please have your child to the Chapel on the 12th no later than 8:10 to line up. There will be a dress rehearsal on Saturday, Dec. 11th for the 1st-5th graders. All singers need to be here for the rehearsal from 10-11 am.

If your child is in the preschool and kindergarten group, there is no dress rehearsal for this age group. Please have your preschooler/kindergarten to the Fire Works room by 8:10 on Sunday, Dec. 12th.

If you need further clarification, please contact Kira Anderson or Wendy Smith-Becker. Thank you!

**Thank you for your
Operation Christmas Child gift!**

A huge thank-you to all who prepared and donated shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. A grand total of 79 were donated from the Our Savior's community! The children who will receive these boxes are very blessed to receive your gifts. Thank You!

**Class Schedule for
December and January**

There will not be classes on the
following dates:

Wednesday, December 22rd and 29th.

Sunday, December 26th and January 2nd.

Advent Fair

December 4th 4-6pm.

At the Advent Fair we will gather for a meal, crafts, games, carols and more. It is easy to get caught up in the energy of the Christmas season and forget what Advent is all about. The Gift of Jesus. Please join us for this evening of fun, when together we can share the good news that God has given us a Savior, who is Christ our Lord. We will need people to help out with the event. If you are willing to help in any capacity please contact Pastor Joanna Mitchell.

SUMMER MISSION TRIP DATES TO PLAN FOR NOW

Summer mission trips have been scheduled, and registrations for those interested are due by mid-January. Fill out a registration form and get a deposit in to guarantee your spot. You do not need to be a member of Our Savior's to go on a trip, so invite a friend and sign up together!

Both mission trips this year are once again arranged through YouthWorks. This is an organization located in Minneapolis, MN that helps coordinate great youth events that are centered around serving others in the name of Jesus Christ. Groups from multiple churches are brought together each week to serve, learn, grow, deepen relationships, and worship the King of Kings.

Registration forms are available in the Youth Room and can also be downloaded from the church website: oursaviorsfbo.org ó just go to "Youth Activities," then "Mission Trips." Additional information about the specific ministry locations is also available on the our website, along with a link to YouthWorks.

Please keep in mind that dates for these trips may be adjusted by one day on either end as final travel plans are made.

If you've never been on a mission trip before, talk to someone who has. These trips are a great experience. You are certain to develop some strong friendships, make a difference in the lives of others, and maybe even willingly step out of your comfort zone at times.

The cost for both trips this year will cover all expenses, including the cost of buying meals while we travel. Students may want a small amount of spending money for souvenirs, t-shirts, or snacks ó but none will be needed. As always, we have scholarship money available for those who can not afford the cost involved. In addition, there are fundraising opportunities available for the mission trips that can help cover much of the cost.

ADULTS – If you are interested in going on any of these trips, please contact Brad right away. We have a number of volunteers already, but there are still opportunities for more.



Middle School Mission Trip (Students currently in grades 6-8) July 10 – July 16 - Rapid City, SD

While in Rapid City we will be providing support for a number of already existing social service organizations. The ministry focus is to three general groups of people; the homeless, children, and the elderly. Work may involve cleanup and painting, helping at a summer camp, serving meals, and visiting the elderly. Individual cost for the trip is \$299.

High School Mission Trip (Students in grades 9-12) July 30 – August 7 - Bayou La Batre, AL

Bayou La Batre is on the Gulf Coast near Mobile, AL. After all this time, the community is still recovering from Hurricane Katrina. Our work here will be divided between hurricane relief work and working with children's ministries. The location is about 50 miles down the coast from where our group went in 2007. Cost for the trip is \$349.

Confirmation Camp Registration (Also Open for students in grades 6-8)

June 12-17 -Interstate Park – Taylors Falls, MN

Confirmation Camp is an opportunity to spend five nights camping in tents, participating in a number of fun activities, building friendships, and having opportunities to see our faith in Christ grow. All Confirmation students are expected to attend camp at least once during their Confirmation years – but DON'T WAIT until your final year! Those who do tend to ask themselves why they didn't go earlier so they could do it again. Registration forms are in the Youth Room or can also be found on the church website.

DECEMBER 15TH – A SPECIAL WEDNESDAY YOUTH NIGHT

On Wednesday night, December 15th, we are invited to join with other students at Christ Lutheran. We will have a special speaker coming in to share about the Jewish faith (the faith of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob ... and JESUS! Afterwards, Pastor Craig has promised to serve ice cream! More details to come, but plan on bringing students directly to Christ Lutheran rather than meeting here at Our Savior's. All students from Middle School on up are welcome to attend.

December Volunteers

Welcome Center Greeters

	8:30	10:45
December 5	Fran & JoAnn Miller	Pat Otis
December 12	Andy & Viv Anderson	Jane Hale
December 19	Bernie & Diane Feidt	Deb & Andy Broughton
	9:00 (Only Service Only)	
December 26	Lyle & Ruth Olson	

Attention Welcome Center Greeters: We would like to place the greeters in the new narthex behind or by the Welcome Counter. This will give the greeters a central place for new people to find them for information and to welcome them to Our Saviors as they enter the church building. Please be at the Welcome Counter 15 min. before service and right after service for about 15 min. Thank you.

Communion December 5 & 19

	8:30	10:45
Comm. Prep Servers	Irv & Kaye Novak	Steve & Desta Ecker
	Ray & Linda Wood	Troy & Tara Dunn
	Dick & Phyllis Berge	Fred & Barb Grote
	Wade & Barb Karli	Jan & Shirley Luikens

Cantor

No Cantors Needed for December

Tech & Sound Team

	Sound & Lights / Media Shout	Sound & Lights / Media Shout
	8:30	10:45
December 5	Steve Jameson / Roger Meyer	Steve Jameson / Roger Meyer
December 12	Dick Johnson / Dick Lawson	Dick Johnson / Dick Lawson
December 19	Roger Meyer / Steve Jameson	Roger Meyer / Steve Jameson
	9:00 (One Service Only)	
December 26	Dick Johnson / Dick Lawson	

Ushers

Team 4

8:30

Steve Bongers ©
Larry Hafemeyer
Wade & Barb Karli
Ginger Myers
Roger Erickson
Quinn Berge
Diana Hering

10:45

Dwight Elthon ©
Roger & Tammy Meyer
Fred Grote
Mark & Jodi Miller
Dennis & Rita Wunderlich

Readers

December 5

8:30

Our Savior's Singers

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10:45

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9:00 (One Service Only)

December 26

Vicky Hubert

Brew Master Ministry

December 5

Dennis & Rita Wunderlich

December 12

John & Phyllis Battles

December 19

Ruth & Lyle Olson

December 26

Volunteer Needed (9:00 am Service only)

Nursery

December 5

8:30

Penny Bauer & Rachell Caldwell

December 12

Pat & Farryl Kluis

December 19

Terra & Greg Boyd

10:45

Hedenstrom Family

Kelly Jensen & Family

Barbara Ritchie & Becki Bender

9:00 (Only Service Only)

December 26

Ryan Borka & Melissa Zellmer