
St. John's Newsletter

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“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the Gospel.”

Mark 1:15

Lent is the penitential season of preparation for Easter. It is a forty day period of preparation for Easter. It begins with Ash Wednesday, and it is a time in which we focus on our need for spiritual housecleaning. It is a time in which we focus on our need for repentance, that is to confess our sins and trust in the forgiveness which Jesus has won for us.

Historically, Lent was a period which was marked by catechesis (that is instruction in the basic teachings of God’s Word) as preparation for baptism. It is during Lent that we too are refocused on our Baptism. We are reminded of our need for daily contrition (sorrow over sin) and repentance. It is through such contrition and repentance that we are reminded that it was in Baptism that we were buried with Christ and raised with Him. It is through this daily contrition and repentance that we once again return to our Baptism.

The Lenten Season is marked by several traditions that focus our attention on what is going on at this time of the church year. We will be using Divine Service II during the Lenten Season and through the Sundays of Easter. The reason for this is because the Hymn of Praise, “This is the Feast,” is specifically an Easter hymn. It is omitted during the Lenten Season and then heard again on Easter Sunday. It marks for us the transition from the reserved time of Lent to the open joy and celebration of Easter. The Alleluias (praise to the Lord) are also omitted during the Lenten Season. The last time that we hear the Alleluia is on Transfiguration Sunday until we celebrate Jesus’ resurrection on Easter.

Of course, one of the things that the church has been done historically is to gather together for special midweek services. Lent is to be a time of special devotion to the hearing of God’s Word. So, we gather together on Wednesday evenings to be deepened in our understanding of God’s Word and to focus in a special way on Christ’s suffering and

death on our behalf. This year during our midweek services we will be focusing on the seven last words of Jesus. We listen to and treasure the last things that people say to us in this world. How much more should we treasure the last words that Jesus spoke to us as He was dying on the cross so that our sins might be paid for? The series will begin with Ash Wednesday and continue through Good Friday.

Ash Wednesday (February 22):

The Pardoning Word (Luke 23:34)

Midweek 2:

The Promising Word (Luke 23:43)

Midweek 3:

The Compassionate Word (John 19:26-27)

Midweek 4:

The Suffering Word (John 19:28)

Midweek 5:

The Faithful Word (Matthew 27:46)

Midweek 6:

The Dying Word (Luke 23:46)

Maundy Thursday:

The Remembering Word

(Breaks from the words Jesus spoke from the cross)

Good Friday:

The Fulfilled Word (John 19:30)

Each of these words of Christ proclaims and delivers something about Him and delivers His saving death to us that we might trust Him for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. I hope that you will make these special services a part of your Easter preparations.

In His service,
Pastor Olson

St. John's Lutheran Church Voter's Meeting
January 22, 2012 1:00 p.m.

Chairman Gary Teske called the annual meeting of St. John's voters to order on January 22, 2012, at 1:00 p.m. Pastor Olson opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting on October 20, 2011, were read. The minutes were corrected to read...A motion to install air conditioning was made. Chairman Teske did not call for a second on the motion as another motion was on the floor. Rather a non-binding straw vote was taken to pursue air conditioning the church...The minutes were approved subject to the correction.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the following membership changes:

Transfer out: JoHanna & Hailey Wozny to Immanuel Lutheran, East Dundee, Illinois.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the following voting member: Rachel DeBella.

The 2012 ballot of officers was presented. Added to the school board list of candidates was Jay Goldenstein. All offices are running unopposed. Jerry Niemann made a motion to approve the ballot and declare the candidates unanimously elected. His motion was seconded and passed.

Chairman Teske appointed Marilyn Niemann and Cherrie Hofer to the financial review committee.

Terry Schuldt presented the mission report for January through December. He reported general mission ended the year at \$31,579, which exceeded goal and Christ Lutheran High School ended at \$10,828 likewise exceeding goal. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the mission financial report with thanks.

Terry Schuldt, in the absence of Wayne Wagner, presented the congregational financial report. He reported envelope donations are down \$20,000 for the period, but other areas of donations increased budgeted amount. \$548,000 remains in the various investment accounts with little change for the past several months. \$34,500 was deposited in the savings account reserve fund from the general fund. This included a repayment from borrowed funds in November. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the congregational financial report with thanks.

Motions were made, seconded, and passed on the following joint council recommendations:

- Approve mission budget of \$32,000 and Christ Lutheran High School budget of \$11,000.
- Set tuition rates for 2012/13 school year to raise first child only member and non-members \$50, and to increase church attendance scholarship credit to \$10 first child and \$5 additional child.
- Approve John Jordan to serve as convention delegate and Duane Janssen as alternate delegate to the circuit forum. These two individuals shall also serve in these capacities for the district convention in July 2012.
- Approve Tina Wagner to replace Jill Steiner on the Finance Committee
- Hire Amanda Donaldson as Admissions Coordinator at \$10,000/year beginning January 1, 2012.
- Hire Ross Cluver as church custodian.
- Approve continuation of the vicar program.
- Approve the purchase of air conditioning from Kuester Electric. The air-conditioner will be an 18 ton (6 three ton units) at a cost of \$35,500.
- Grant trustees authorization to add additional breaker box in church at approximate cost of \$5,000.
- Open church air-conditioner fund.

Committee reports were presented.

Evangelism: Larry Abbe from the Evangelism Committee reported the soup and sandwich meal during Advent was well attended and he thanked 103, Goats Hardware, Weber Fertilizer, and Diversified Services for underwriting the meals. The soup and sandwich meals will begin again Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2012. Mr. Abbe also reported the Evangelism Committee underwrites Lutheran Hour on WPXN and the Monday morning devotions on WGCY. The Evangelism Committee is working on a Passover Seder. Mr. Abbe also reported the road signs advertising St. John's are in the beginning stages of being repaired.

Christ Lutheran: Eugene Forster reported on upcoming events at CLHS. The events include Taste of Italy lunch, U of I Ag day, CALEB dinner, Lutheran Grade School spelling bee, blood drive, and a field trip to the Museum of Science and Industry.

St. John's School: Derek Bohlmann reported the boys placed third place at Little Iroquois Conference tournament, boys regional basketball is starting, girl's volleyball is in full swing, chicken dinner is February 19, science fair is March 1, March 4-10 is National Lutheran School Week, and National Lutheran School Accreditation team will be in the school February 15-17.

St. John's Renovation: Doug Teske a representative from the school renovation committee stated informational meetings will be scheduled in the near future. Plans for renovation will be available for viewing as well as the architect to answer questions.

Being no further business to come before the meeting, a motion was made and carried to adjourn, subject to call. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Janssen, Secretary

This 'n' That

Sr. Lutheran Youth Fellowship will be having a lock in on Friday, February 10. We have a youth ministry team from Concordia University Chicago coming to host the event. Watch your email for more information. Contact pastor if you have questions.

Jr. LYF Open Gym and Game Night on Sunday, February 12, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the St. John's gym. We will be playing various board games. Also please bring a snack to pass and the drinks will be provided.

Marie Kimmel Memorial Scholarship

An application form for a \$500.00 scholarship being offered to high school seniors in Iroquois County in memory of Marie Kimmel is available in the church office. The scholarship will be awarded based on academic achievement; service to church, school, and community; and financial need. The applicant must be an active member of a Lutheran church in the county. Additional details are included in the application instructions. The postmark deadline for submission is April 16.

LIFE COMMITTEE EVENTS

FELLOWSHIP: The American Passion Play – Bloomington, IL – Saturday, March 24, at 2:00 p.m. follows Christ's ministry and life from the Sermon on the Mount to the resurrection and ascension. It is a 3½-hour performance (with a 20-minute intermission) by non-professionals with a spiritual dedication to their parts. It dramatizes Jesus' entire ministry, rather than just the events from the Passion Week onward. Tickets are \$20. The Life Committee will purchase group tickets and try to arrange carpools for those who so desire. Please let Ruth Jones at 379-2658 or Arliss Dettmering at 394-2542 know by February 15 if you are interested.

SERVANT OPPORTUNITIES: Camp CILCA Men's Retreat: February 24-26 – Cutting trees, fixing buildings, and splitting wood are the main focus of the men's retreat. You do not have to be skilled in using a chainsaw, hammer, or a tractor to

come to this event. Able-bodied men (18 years and older) who have a desire to serve Christ with their own sweat are needed. The cost for this event is \$25.00, which will help, pay for the materials needed to accomplish goals. Camp CILCA's men's retreat also serves as a wonderful opportunity to explore God's word with morning and evening devotions/Bible studies, concluded with a Sunday worship service in the morning. To register or ask questions email camp@cilca.org. If you would be interested informing a group from St. John's Buckley, Please contact Ruth Jones at 217-379-2658 or rmj@conxxus.com or Arliss Dettmering, at 217-394-2542.

HEALTH AND WELFARE: Got The Dot? The Illinois Yellow Dot Program could save your life. The Illinois Yellow Dot Program is a statewide initiative designed to provide vital medical information on vehicle drivers/passengers. Information contained on the medical card assists first responders in the "Golden Hour" immediately following a serious crash. This can mean the difference between life and death. The medical card includes a photograph of participant, medical conditions, medications, medical insurance, emergency contact information, family physician and other information. This form is placed in the glove compartment. A yellow dot decal is placed on the rear-facing window on the driver's side. This alerts first responders that vital medical information can be found in the glove compartment. The medical form and yellow dot decal may be obtained at the Ford-Iroquois County Health Departments in Paxton and Watseka. For more information, call Ruth Jones, 217-379-2658. We tried to obtain handouts for members however only individual handouts are available at this time.

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Delmer L. Ecker

St. John's Church \$15.00

In Memory of Lawrence 'Bud' Flessner

St. John's Church \$60.00

Tuition Assistance 50.00

CLHS 60.00

THANK YOU

Dear Students and Parents of St. Johns,

Thank you so much for thinking of me during the Christmas season. And for the very gracious and thoughtful gifts. Blessings on the New Years.

In Christ, Vicar Flynn

The students and staff of the school would like to thank the Ladies Aid and the other donors who gave money for the purchase of new books for the school library. We thank God for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Thank you to 103, Weber Fertilizer, Goat's Hardware, and Diversified Services for sponsoring the Advent soup and sandwich meals between church services.

Ash Wednesday is February 22. We will have soup and sandwiches between church services during Lent. If you would like to donate \$100.00 to cover the cost of the meal, please contact Larry Abbe.

Thank you to those who made donations for new computers for the church and school offices. The computers have been purchased and are much faster than the old ones. Your generosity is appreciated.

St. John's Ladies Aid would like to thank everyone who enjoyed and supported our chili and oyster luncheon on Sunday, January 15. We would also like to thank everyone who helped or donated food. Thanks again.

Thanks to everyone for your prayers, cards, phone calls, and visits after my surgery. A special thanks to Pastor Olson for his prayers and visits also. God's blessings to all.

Neoma Balk

St. John's Lutheran School's Parent Teacher League is preparing for our annual **Chicken Dinner/Winter Carnival/ Silent Auction** fundraiser. We are inviting you to join us for a fun-filled day. The carnival will run from 3:30-6:00 p.m. with chicken dinner and silent auction from 4:00-7:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 19. If you are willing to donate a pie, jello salad, or cake, it would be greatly appreciated. Donations need to be in the school cafeteria by 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact a committee member Jessica Lessman (217-781-1009) or Sandy Spitz (217-379-2695). Hope to see you all there.



I don't know why some people change churches; what difference does it make which one you stay home from?!



God loves everyone, but probably prefers "fruits of the spirit" over "religious nuts!"



God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.



The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.

St. John's School News

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St. John's Lutheran School exists to teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to assist families in following our Lord's commands by providing sound Christian training for children.

Philosophy

We, at St. John's Lutheran School in Buckley, Illinois, believe that each child is a child of GOD; created by the Father, redeemed by the Son, and sanctified by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, empowered by the congregation and supported by the children's parents, we teach using developmentally appropriate methods and practices. Our goal is to fulfill each child's potential by teaching excellence in character, education, and leadership throughout the integrated curriculum using sound Lutheran doctrinal principles based upon scriptural truth.

Accreditation

Our accreditation visit is upon us. The National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA) visitation team will be here on February 15-17. St. John's has been a nationally accredited school for over 15 years. This process of accreditation is recognized by the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod as well as by regional accreditation groups such as North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI). Prior to the visit we have done our own self-study. During the visit, members of the team will be around St. John's observing the school to see if we do what we say we do. If you happen to be around during those days, you might be asked a few questions. Please help with this process by answering to the best of your abilities.

New Admissions Coordinator

At the recent congregational meeting, the voters voted to create the position of Admissions Counselor for St. John's. Amanda Donaldson (PK teacher) was chosen to fill this position. Mrs. Donaldson is happily married to Ryan and is the mother of three young boys, Evan, Ethan, and Eli. She has been the Pre-Kindergarten teacher for the past two and a half years. This position is in addition to her teaching duties. Mrs. Donaldson has already started working with future families of St. John's. If you know of anyone interested in knowing more about St. John's or anyone who you think might benefit from St. John's, please pass their information to Mrs. Donaldson. (adonaldson@stjohnsbuckley.com)

Boys Basketball

The boys basketball season has come to an end. The season had a lot of up and downs. Throughout the season there were signs of improvement and potential. Without any 8th grade leadership, the eagles still made progress and were competitive in most of their games. They Eagles took 3rd place at the LIC and advanced beyond the first round of the regionals this season with a hard

fought win over St. Joseph's of Bradley. There is potential of having an outstanding season next year IF a lot of hard work is put in during the off season.

Girls Volleyball

The girls' volleyball team is off to a good start. The team is 4-2 at this point in the season. The Eagles are led by 8th graders Jessica DeBella, Shelby Spitz, 7th graders Shelby Scheurich, Kelsie Schroeder, Kaitlyn Weber, and 6th grader Samantha DeBella. Megan Hanford and Haley McCormick are also contributors to the varsity team. We encourage you to come out and see the girls play. The games are listed on the church calendar and also weekly in the bulletin. On February 20th the girls will be playing their final home game and we want to "Pack the Gym." Show up, wear your maroon clothes, and help paint the gym maroon. It would be great to see you there. Let's Go Eagles.

Please remember to keep saving your **IGA receipts, soup labels** (*be sure to include the bar/UPC code*), **box tops, printer cartridges, cell phones, and pop cans**. There is a box in the church basement for receipts, labels, and box tops or you can drop them off at the school. Cans, phones, and cartridges should be dropped off at the school. Thanks for participating in this program. It benefits our school greatly.

CLASSROOM NEWS

Pre-Kindergarten

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and a very blessed New Year! It was very rest full and relaxing for my family and I!!!

After returning to school, we jumped head first into understanding the sounds of letters and learning to say each of them correctly. Some were very tricky but with a little more time and practice they will get it. We added the letter I & P and almost have our ABC flashcards mastered!

Polar Bears and Penguins were part of our science lesson this month. Snow and ice are a very important part of their homes and how they live. They learned that snow and ice melts into water very quickly when brought into a warm classroom. Understanding liquids and solids proved to be very simple and a lot of fun! The Penguin Pokey was especially fun for the 3 year olds. They love to shake their penguin wings!

During our Jesus time we have been learning just how special Jesus was as a boy. Going to the temple to worship God & listening to the people teach about God's word. "Come, follow Me," Jesus said. Matthew 4:19 helped teach us about Jesus and his 12 disciples. Spreading the word of God's grace and love was enough for James and John to leave behind everything they had come to know.

On Saturday, January 14, we had our first preschool "clean crew" come in. Preschool families have volunteered for one Saturday once a month to help clean our preschool room & toys. Praying that this will cut down on the sickness in our preschool room. A BIG thank you to my volunteers!

Kindergarten

Brrr! It's cold outside! Ever since the new year started, we have been charting the temperature. We are doing lots of other measuring for our new math unit, too. When Mr. D arrived a little later in the new year, we measured how long paleontologists think some **dinosaurs** were. Mr. D came at the right time! The same week as his arrival, we talked about the best "D" word, **disciples**. Then the children had the chance to BE **disciples** when they lead our weekly chapel service and shared the Good News of Jesus with others.

As part of our language unit on writing **descriptions**, every child had the chance to decorate their own **dog**, and later was a dog show judge and had a chance to pick a favorite dog. (Of course, in order to do that, the "judges" had to write a complete description of the dogs they liked best.) In PE "walking the

dog" and "dog catcher" were favorites. Last, to complete our study of the letter "D," the children wrote a description of "their" **dads** and wrote about what they enjoy doing with them. Doing "D" activities was delightful!

First Grade

January was a very exciting month of learning in the first grade. In religion we studied some of the prophets whom God chose to speak His Word to His people. We learned about Elijah, Elisha, Jonah, Hezekiah, and Daniel. We saw that just as God used the prophets, He also works through us to share His Word with others. In language arts we enjoyed a short unit on Jan Brett, a very interesting author and illustrator. We enjoyed reading many of her books. One of our favorites was *The Mitten*. We also worked on writing our own fiction stories.

In math we learned how to tell time to the hour and the half hour and are now working on skip counting, number patterns, and using a hundred chart.

In social studies we continued learning about citizenship while focusing on laws, leaders, voting, and our national symbols. Did you know that the Statue of Liberty is 151 feet and 1 inch tall and weighs about 450,000 pounds?

The first graders continue to LOVE science class! We learned about outer space throughout January. We learned more about the sun, moon, and stars in addition to learning about the planets in our solar system. One of our favorite activities was using (and eating) Oreos to show the different phases of the moon. Learning more about the amazing universe God created reminds us again of His great power and might! Have a fabulous February!

Second Grade

The second graders have been off to a great start in the third quarter of the school year. We have accomplished a lot in a short amount of time. Since the beginning of the school year, as of January 25, we have completed 95 days of school. The second graders are counting down the days and are anxious to celebrate the 100th

day of school. In religion, we learned about Jesus' baptism, Jesus' disciples, Jesus blessing the children, The Sermon on the Mount, and the Lord's Prayer. In math, we learned how to tell time, read the thermometer, and about fractions. Fractions are very exciting, interesting, and fun. In science, we have been learning all about sound, heat, and light. They are all very interesting and fun to learn about. In February, we will be singing in church on the 12th and are very excited to be able to sing in church again. Singing is fun and what a better way to praise the Lord than through singing and making a joyful noise unto the Lord.

Third & Fourth Grades

The 3rd and 4th grade class had the opportunity to learn outside the classroom this month when they attended the performance Fifty States in 60 Minutes. It was a wonderful review of many of the events that we had just studied in Social Studies about the history of our great nation.

In Religion class we are focusing on the worship service, especially confession and absolution. What an awesome God we have! He calls us to repentance, hears our confession and offers absolution through Jesus Christ.

In art we learned about value as we shaded and tinted a color to make a variety of shades. Come view the clowns we painted using just black, white, and one other color.

Fifth & Sixth Grades

We have been working hard to get back into the swing of things after Christmas break. The 6th graders finished the last and final book of the Chronicles of Narnia. The entire class has now been broken into small reading groups for different reading activities. One group has started to read stories of motivation and encouragement in the "Give It What You've Got" unit. They are reading stories about Michael Kwan and Sammy Sosa. Another group is reading the famous book "Holes" by Louis Sachar. During their unit they will learn about the protagonist "Stanley" and his adventures at Camp Green Lake. The story is also used to talk

and discuss about having hope and trust in God. Some of the verses we have used and discussed so far are Isaiah 40:28-31 and Jeremiah 17:7-8. The last group is beginning a unit on the book "Bud, Not Buddy" by Christopher Paul Curtis. This group is currently researching the 1930's and will be putting together a power point on what they have found. Some of the topics they are researching are: the depression, Social Reform, Presidents, Jazz Music, and Entertainment.

After the project we will begin reading the book and have other activities including interviewing people from our community who lived during the 1930's, Creating a pamphlet illustrating the programs of Roosevelt's New Deal, as well as an activity on "Riding the Rails."

In History, we are learning about the new colonies. In Science we are still working hard on Science Fair projects. The rough drafts of the papers have been handed in, so now we are working on a few final touches. We hope that everyone can make it to the Science Fair on March 1, 2012, to see the wonderful projects that the students have done.

In English we are finishing up pronouns and beginning work on adverbs. In Religion we have just finished learning about the "First Three Kings," David, Saul, and Solomon.

Seventh & Eighth Grades

January was filled with projects for the 7th and 8th grade. With the Science Fair approaching, much of our class time in science was spent researching and writing research reports. We also spent time learning about the hydrosphere. In English, we finally completed a challenging unit on adjectives and adverbs and moved on to a chapter on capitalization and punctuation. The students also completed essays on Americanism to submit in the annual contest sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. In social studies, we continued our journey through American History as we learned about the building of the Transcontinental Railroad, the Wild West, and life on the Great Plains.

CHRIST Lutheran High School January News

Upcoming Events...

Jan 29 11:00am-1:00pm Spaghetti Lunch @ Crusader Hall
Feb 2 GBB ECIC Tournament
Feb 3 6:00pm BBB vs. Cornerstone Christian Academy
Feb 5 Brunch @ 103 in Buckley—CLHS receives 15%
Feb 6 GBB IHSA Regionals
Feb 11-17 BBB ECIC Tournament
Feb 20 BBB IHSA Regionals
Feb 24 Ag Day – U of I Ford-Iroquois Extension
Feb 26 CALEB Lunch 11:30am – Call for Reservations \$25

Taste of Italy Lunch

Sunday, after church and Bible class, come to Christ Lutheran for a great luncheon, good fellowship, and pasta. A freewill donation will be collected and all profits are donated to the support of Christian education at Christ Lutheran. Put it on your calendar. January 29, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

School Financial Update

God is good! Phase I of the debt reduction challenge has been completed. We started out owing approximately \$75,000 to Buckley State Bank. The CLHS Board of Directors decided to make a concerted effort to eliminate this debt. It was also decided to divide this into three \$25,000 phases. At this point, we are \$5,000 into Phase II leaving us about \$45,000. Keep it up. We are chipping away at this obligation. We also have a mortgage of \$140,343 to the Central Illinois District-Church Extension Fund. Little by little, we are chipping away at our financial obligations. We also have been named beneficiary in an estate. More news to follow on this.

103 East Brunch

Sunday, February 5 from 10:00 to 1:00 the 103 East Restaurant in Buckley has offered brunch buffet at \$9.95 for adults and \$5.95 for kids under 10. Menu includes eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, egg casserole, biscuits & gravy, fried chicken, ham & scalloped potatoes and more. Made to order omelets are also available. Christ Lutheran receives 15% of the food sales.

CALEB Luncheon

The annual CALEB Luncheon is scheduled for February 26. Menu includes fried chicken, potato casserole, corn, salad and dessert. The CALEB lunch is the opportunity for our dedicated supporters to get together and see the results of all our efforts. The doors open at 11:30 and the meal is served at 12:00 noon. The bell choir, the choir and the drama group will perform. Come join us for a delicious lunch and great entertainment. Reservations are \$25. Call the office or stop by to make your reservation. 217-394-2547.

Homecoming week

The week of January 16 was homecoming week. Monday was a holiday but each of the other days has

a dress-up theme. Tuesday was pajama day, Wednesday was celebrity day, Thursday was pirate day and Friday was purple and white day. Dance was Saturday night. It's great to be a high school student.

Early Registration

Early registration for the 2012/2013 school year has begun. The fee for those registrations received before March 1 is \$50. The fee for those received between March 1 and April 30 is \$100. After April 30 the fee will be \$200. Register early. For an application, please contact the school office or you may download an application at our website. www.christlutheranbuckley.com **Remember, only one tuition per family.**

Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Changes Ruling

The IHSA has changed its ruling on co-oping sports with public schools. Non-public schools with an enrollment under 200 will be allowed to co-op extracurricular activities (that the private school does not offer) with local public schools. For instance, CLHS could co-op football with PBL, golf with Cissna, tennis with Rantoul, and etc.

Just How Far Are You From Christ Lutheran?

It's closer than you think. The (*) indicates towns where students are coming from or have come from.

Ashkum – 27 min	Mahomet – 53 min
Anchor – 38 min	Melvin* – 16 min
Bourbonnais – 51 min	Milford* – 27 min
Buckingham* - 59 min	Ogden – 54 min
Champaign – 44 min	Onarga* – 9 min
Chatsworth* - 38 min	Paxton* – 15 min
Chebance* – 36 min	Penfield – 37 min
Cissna Park* – 14 min	Piper City* – 26 min
Clifton* – 31 min	Rankin* - 28 min
Crescent City” – 24 min	Rantoul* – 23 min
Danforth* – 22 min	Roberts* – 11 min
Fisher* -- 37 min	Royal – 47 min
Gibson City – 31 min	Sibley – 26 min
Gifford – 35 min	Sidney* – 58 min
Gilman* – 17 min	St Joe* – 52 min
Herscher* – 44 min	Thawville* – 21 min
Hoopeston* – 38 min	Thomasboro – 31 min
Kankakee* – 45 min	Urbana – 44 min
Loda* – 6 min	Watseka* – 37 min
Ludlow* – 19 min	Wellington – 32 min
Manteno – 52 min	Woodworth* – 16 min

Scrip Update

Holidays are over, but you can order Scrip cards at CLHS year round! They make great gifts for ALL occasions or you can use them for your regular shopping. We have a wide selection of chain and local vendors on the list. Our goal is to have sales of \$150,000 this year. We have a limited supply of Schwan's cards available - \$10 @ 10%. Sav-Mor is discontinued. Call the school for an order form or stop by. Scrip is ordered on Mondays and cards normally arrive on Friday.

**St. John's Ladies Aid
January 5, 2012**

The Ladies Aid held its regular meeting on January 5, 2012, in the church basement.

A memorial service was held for Erna Mull and Vera Bleich.

A devotion and bible study was led by Norma Niemann with assistance by the LWML committee. The topic of the devotion was "And a Star Shall Lead Them" and hymn 127 was sung.

Pastor Olson installed new officers: Vice President & Christian Growth Arliss Dettmering and Treasurer Ruth Cluver.

President Donna Steiner called the meeting to order. Members and guests were welcomed. Roll call was taken with 21 members and 1 guest present. The minutes of the December meeting were read and approved. Thank you notes were read from the following: Bethesda Lutheran Communities, Concordia Theological Seminary, Lutheran Hour Ministries, Prairieview Lutheran Home, Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois, Vicar Flynn, Kelli Breymeyer, Melanie Niemann, Marcia Lane, Kaitlynn Wooten, David & Amber Cluver, Wanda Ecker, Gladys Niemann, Derek Bohlman, Senior LYF, Vesta Schumacher, Megan Forster, Shelley Garrelts, Sem Student Dan Grimmer, Family of Delmar Ecker, Family of Lawrence Flessner, and Family of Bob Weisenbarn.

The treasurer's report was given and filed for audit. Collection was for mites.

Glenda Weisenbarn will coordinate Prairieview Bingo in Betty Plath's absence. She will call helpers.

Ruth Jones, Human Care Committee, thanked the ladies for the Christmas cheer monies donated. Eight families and 18 children were helped this Christmas season. She also announced a game day will be coming up on January 29. Information was passed along on the yellow dot program and members were urged to stop at the Ford-Iroquois Public Health office in Paxton to get a yellow dot and information sheet to be placed in the glove compartment; in the event there is an accident, emergency personnel will know the yellow dot means there is factual information in the glove compartment.

The Human Care Committee, Arliss Dettmering, announced 25 hats, 20 gloves, and 3 stockings were taken to Nexus. Human Care Committee, Lois Krumwiede, announced LWR quilting will begin at 8:30 a.m. next Tuesday.

How beautiful were the 58 poinsettias in church for Christmas. Jane Wagner reported they had help carrying them up the stairs by St. John's school children. She also reported they had gift bags for 12 shut-ins, including one which was mailed to Velma Sprehe.

Norma Niemann and Donna Schumacher had quilt block kits for members to take, embroider, and return next month.

The auditing committee reported the books are in order.

President Steiner thanked those who donated cookies for the advent suppers. She also thanked the outgoing work committee, Ruth Jones and Phyllis Henegar. The new work committee is Alberta Weber, Norma Niemann and Donna Schumacher.

The chili-oyster luncheon will be on January 15, 2012, at St. John's School. Serving will be from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The work committee is in charge. Sign up for donations of chili (a recipe using 2# of hamburger) and pies. Members were asked to have those at school by 9:00 a.m. Discussion followed on pricing and it was decided there will be no change. Work assignments were given to members.

The 2012 program books were distributed. Additions or corrections should be given to Donna Steiner. Members were asked to add on page 9 John and Brenda Mingee will be taking tapes to shut-ins on the 3rd Sunday. Norma Niemann and Jeanne Short switched serving months (May and June). Add Donna Balk to the list of non-members that are willing to help. Also, a thank you note will be sent to Melanie for printing and assembling the books.

Ruth Jones raised the issue of a bus being taken to convention, which is June 1-2 in Rock Island. Members will need to commit next month if they are interested.

Phyllis Henegar informed members who work on funeral luncheons that chicken and cold cuts as well as homemade rolls can be purchased from the 103 as well as from Cindy. The cost is the same.

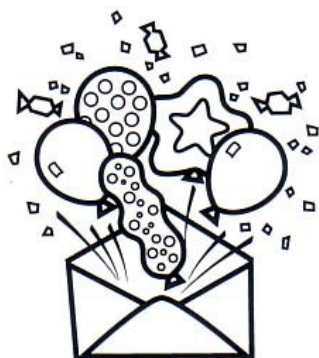
The January flower committee is Irene Hilligoss. The January visiting committee is Lois Teske and Ruth Cluver. The February serving committee is Alberta Weber and Helen Niemann. January birthdays are Arliss Dettmering and Betty Plath.

We closed with the birthday song, the Lord's Prayer, and the common table prayer.

Jeanne Short
Secretary

Birthdays

Don Jording	2/1
Jerry Koschnick	2/1
Laura Janssen	2/2
Christopher Park	2/2
Ethan Donaldson	2/3
Larry Abbe	2/4
Lisa Mull	2/4
Paul Tobeck	2/4
Amy Jones	2/5
Jody Sanders	2/5
Zachary Woodmansee	2/5
Kascee Coffey	2/6
Mike Henley	2/6
Linda Long	2/6
Beryl Luecke	2/6
Linda Luhrsen	2/6
Bobbie Williamson	2/6
Charles Quinn	2/7
Shawn Garrelts	2/8
Dorothy Rosenboom	2/8
Tim Schofield	2/8
Merton Balk	2/9
Robert Garrelts Jr.	2/9
Arleen Houtzel	2/9
Jonathan Vance	2/10
Corey Tobeck	2/11
Carol Wooten	2/11
John Jordan	2/12
Alvin Muehling	2/12
Chad Ecker	2/13
Stacy Rothermel	2/13
Breanna Combs	2/14
Dena Reynolds	2/14
Maggie Russell	2/14
Nicole Foellner	2/15
Matt Steiger	2/15
Payton Dudley	2/16
Joy Goatz	2/16
Charlie Russell	2/16
Tamra Combs	2/19
Lindsey Denault	2/19



Tyler Ecker	2/19
Sophie Ramme	2/19
Wally Wepler	2/19
Richard Brantley	2/20
Ethan Rascher	2/20
Jackie (Mrs.) Weber	2/20
April Ennen	2/21
Viola Sheetz	2/21
Harold Luebchow	2/22
David Perkinson	2/23
Jerry Harweger	2/24
Velerie Helm	2/24
Craig Luhrsen	2/24
Velma Sprehe	2/24
Margaret Taylor	2/24
Brenda Mingee	2/25
Dominick Rosales	2/25
Jonathan Rosales	2/25
Ardell Goetting	2/26
Jenny Jamison	2/26
Kimberly Kingery	2/26
Dale Luhrsen	2/26
Iona Scheiwe	2/26
Matthew Warrens	2/26
Joanne Stamm	2/27
Bryant Flessner	2/28
Shelley Garrelts	2/28
Betty Kaufmann	2/28
Dawn Regnier	2/28
Virgil Niemann	2/29

Anniversaries

Mick & Pat Kuester	2/3/1968
Wayne & Elaine Schmidt	2/3/1951
Roger & Rosemary Weber	2/5/1966
Ken & Arliss Dettmering	2/15/1958
Richard & Beverly Colbert	2/16/1980
Kurt & Rachel Krumwiede	2/18/1999
Bob & Lois Teske	2/19/1955
Todd & Stacy Harweger	2/20/1998
Louie & Carol Krumwiede	2/20/1965



Church Attendance Saturday & Sunday Services

	2012	2011
January 1	147	298
January 8	304	321
January 15	261	301
January 22	314	370
Average for the Month:	257	323

(Average does not include mid-week services.)

December 31	91	84
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Savings Account Balances As of 12/31/11

Account	Last Month's Balance	Current Income	Monthly Disbursements	<i>Current Balance</i>
Building	3,707.08	3,205.00	325.00	6,587.08
Bus	1,646.32		79.68	1,566.64
Cemetery	4,122.82	46.97		4,169.79
CLHS Scholarship	2,443.52	721.00		3,164.52
Concert	1,059.42			1,059.42
Gross-Winterstein	3,844.63	10.00		3,854.63
Historical	524.47			524.47
Office Equipment	21.49	2,000.00		2,021.49
Organ	2,310.80	20.00		2,330.80
Recorder	1,963.26			1,963.26
Reserve	29,475.98	34,587.66*		64,063.64
TOTALS	51,119.79	40,590.63	404.68	91,305.74

*Includes funds transferred back to Reserve from General to repay money borrowed in November.

MISSION GOAL FOR 2012	\$32,000.00
MISSION YEAR TO DATE	31,579.20
CLHS MISSION GOAL 2011	\$11,000.00
CLHS YEAR TO DATE	10,828.00

Let Us Help

We have people willing to bring meals to others. If you or someone you know is having surgery, had a death in the family, or is experiencing some other tragedy, contact Pam Baillie 387-2463 *three (3) days ahead of time* (she needs time to arrange) to have meals delivered for one week.

Collections

The following are being collected in the church basement as well as in the west hall at the school.

Stamps for Missions
Campbell's Soup Labels
Box Tops for Education
IGA Receipts
Toner & Ink Cartridges

These are being collected in the church basement.

Unwanted Shoes
Devotion Books
Eyeglasses

December 2011 Comparison Report

Beginning Balance 12/1/2011

\$85.26

**Current
Month**

**12/1/2011-
12/30/2011**

YTD

**7/1/2011-
6/30/2012**

INCOME

Bulletin	25.00	360.00
DivInc	100.00	120.38
Envelope	47,969.22	214,750.72
Gifts	4,309.25	7,346.63
Interest Income	0.00	3,681.28
Loose Plate	2,810.36	12,571.62
Lunch Salary	1,143.58	6,861.48
Memorials	878.00	1,253.00
Reimbursements	(27.00)	8,694.90
Transfer	(7,043.00)	0.00
Tuition	7,862.30	59,228.85
Use of Building	0.00	270.00
TOTAL INCOME	58,027.67	315,138.86

EXPENSES

Bldg Maint Ch	0.00	0.00
Bldg Maint Parsonage	61.98	299.93
Bldg Maint Sch	3.98	961.20
Church Exp	41.43	3,901.26
Concordia Plan Services-Ch	2,362.21	14,570.26
Concordia Plan Services-Sch	6,974.40	39,048.28
Conference Exp	0.00	305.26
Insurance	0.00	10,567.00
Janitor Spls	0.00	1,115.23
Mileage	314.13	2,160.63
Mileage - Guest	0.00	44.40
Mileage - Vicar	0.00	240.88
Office Exp	291.95	2,858.87
Organist	675.00	2,700.00
Paper Shipment	198.46	521.58
Payroll Taxes	730.48	4,227.61
Postage	55.58	590.73
Salaries-Ch	8,006.01	48,008.82
Salaries-Guest	0.00	101,113.53
Salaries-Sch	25,681.21	152,664.37
Sub. Teachers	190.83	816.53
Substitute Help	55.29	155.28
Sunday School	(94.75)	443.07
Utilities-Ch	908.65	2,934.74
Utilities-Parsonage	420.87	3,046.45
Utilities-Sch	1,845.84	6,074.77
Utilities-Vicar	434.90	2,489.60
TOTAL EXPENSES	49,158.45	300,746.75

OVERALL TOTAL

8,869.22

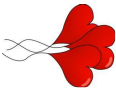
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Ending Balance 12/30/2011

\$8,954.48

*Transferred \$7,043.00 from Reserve Fund to cover cost of property & workers comp insurance premium. **The \$7,043.00 was paid back on December 30, 2011.

February 2012

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<p align="center">St. John's Lutheran Church Rev. Dr. Daniel A. Olson 217-781-3278 P. O. Box 6 Buckley, Illinois 60918-0006</p>						
5 7:45 - Confirmation 9:00 - Worship 10:00 - Fellowship 10:15 - SS/BS Tellers #3	6 6:00 - VB vs Crescent City	7 6:00 - Adult Instr.	8 8:30 - Chapel 8:30 - Bible Study 7:30 - Choir 7:00 - Board of Ed.	9 6:00 - VB vs Gifford 7:30 - Dartball/away	10 Sr. LYF Lock-In <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">7th Grade Volleyball LIC Tournament</div>	11 7:00 - Worship w/communion
12 7:45 - Confirmation 9:00 - Worship w/comm 10:00 - Fellowship 10:15 - SS/BS Tellers #4	13 6:00 - VB @ Deland Weldon	14  6:00 - Adult Instr. 7:00 - Trustees	15 8:30 - Chapel 8:30 - Bible Study 7:00 - Choir	16 10:30 - Communion @ Heartland 1:00 - Semi-Private 6:00 - VB vs GCMS 7:30 - Dartball/home	17	18 7:00 - Worship 8th Grade Volleyball Illini Conference @ Gifford
19 7:45 - Confirmation 9:00 - Worship 10:00 - Fellowship 10:15 - SS/BS Tellers #5 3:30 - PTL Carnival/ Chicken Dinner/Auction	20 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">NO SCHOOL</div> 6:00 - VB vs St. Malachy	21 6:00 - Adult Instr. 6:00 - VB @ Sheldon	22 8:30 - Chapel 8:30 - Bible Study 4:30 - Ash Wednesday 5:15 - Soup Supper 7:00 - Ash Wednesday 8:00 - Choir	23	24 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">County Volleyball Tournament @ Cissna Park</div>	25 7:00 - Worship w/communion
26 7:45 - Confirmation 9:00 - Worship w/comm 10:00 - Fellowship 10:15 - SS/BS Tellers #1	27	28	29 8:30 - Chapel 8:30 - Bible Study 4:30 - Lenten Worship 5:15 - Soup Supper 7:00 - Lenten Worship 8:00 - Choir	Office Phone: 217-394-2444 Hours: 8:00-12:00 M-F Church E-Mail: stjohnsbuckley@illicom.net Pastor's E-Mail: pastor@stjohnsbuckley.com www.stjohnsbuckley.com		



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