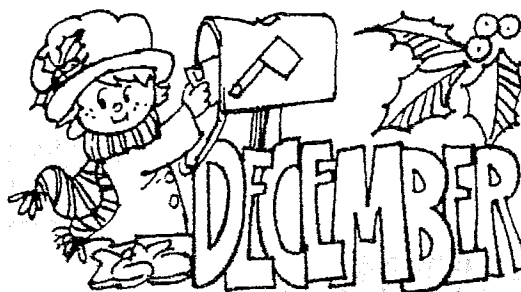


HOPE LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER - 2010

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MISSION STATEMENT: Hope Lutheran Church seeks to strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ, to proclaim the Gospel to others, and to strive for unity in Christ.

Thomas T. Kolden Interim Pastor
Eric Anspach-Hanson and Christie Hanson Missionaries
Mary Hauschild Parish Secretary
Lynn & Barb Okrina Custodians
Gayle VanVooren Jubilation
Darwin Dyce Spirit Singers
Paula Dovre King's Kids
Valerie Buysse Organist

IF YOU ARE IN NEED of a pastoral call, or know of anyone who is, please do not hesitate to call Pastor Kolden. Office #507-872-6446 Home #507-872-6347 Cell #507-993-7920

December 2010



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www.shetek.org

CANEWS FROM CAMP

Mark Your Calendar

- Lutefisk Supper – Dec. 5th 2010
- “Heaven and Nature Sing” – Live Nativity Dec. 11&12 5:00 -7:00pm (SLM Chapel & Dining Hall)
- Winter Fun day-(3-6th grades) December 29, 2010
- Snowshoe Hike January 8th 2011
- Valentine Supper February 13, 2011 5:30pm
- Service in the Cities (7-9th grade) February 18-20, 2011

Call Shetek Lutheran Ministries for any Questions
507-763-3567 or go to www.shetek.org

Environmental Dept.

- Wanted: Animal pelts: (squirrel, black bear, red fox, bobcat, and opossum).
- Animal Skulls: beaver, rabbit, bear, badger, red fox, skunk, raccoon, muskrat, deer, bobcat, squirrel.
- Old Wheelchair

SLM... CHRIST-CENTERED RENEWAL & LEARNING FOR ALL AGES!

“Heaven and Nature Sing”

Shetek Lutheran Ministries
Invites you to experience the true Wonders of Christmas
“Live Nativity”
December 11th & 12th 2010
at SLM Chapel 5-7pm
For more info check out www.shetek.org
{Free will Donation}



Thank you!!

Thank you to everyone one who continues to give of their time, talents, and gifts to Shetek Lutheran Ministries. Without you generosity, SLM could not continue its mission of providing year round opportunities for Christ centered renewal and learning for all ages...

Wish List

- New tents for X-treme Out Camp 4 or 6 person. (Eureka Timber Line 4)
- 2-Golf Carts good running condition.
- Gently used van
- Pie Irons (for cooking over the fire)
- Life jackets (youth and adults)

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Church Council Notes
November 1, 2010

Fund Balances:

General Fund - \$1,489.40
Building Fund - \$2,612.08
Cornerstone Fund - \$8,998.53
Petty Cash Fund - \$454.99
Borrowed from Cornerstone Fund - \$5,000.00
Borrowed from Building Fund - \$11,500.00

Treasurer's Report

- The council approved the outstanding bills for the month of November, 2010, totaling \$10,072.24; withhold Synod until funds are available. Lutheran Campus ministry was designated as local outreach for December; they had been previously designated but have not been paid due to lack of funds.

Board of Trustee's Report

- Pete VanVooren is the new financial secretary.
- Update on the bell tower repair. We have approximately \$1,600 in the bell tower fund, and the estimated cost for this repair is \$12,000.
- The mission offering totaled \$1,130.17; after the cost of food is deducted, the remaining amount will be split between the South African project and our missionaries in Japan.

Board of Deacons Report

- We have been contacted by Life Touch about doing a new directory. Chose not to do it at this time because it has only been 3 years since the last directory. Also, discussed possibility of going back to Olan Mills.
- Five or six prayer shawls have been given out so far. Pastor and Cheer Committee decide who receives them. Donations of yarn, money or help are appreciated.
- Discussed have a church wide pot luck in February and use it for ELCA hunger relief. Worship service and Sunday School would have to be switched if we did this.

Board of Education Report

- A tentative date of January 9th has been set for a First Communion planning meeting with pastor and parents.
- Teen Power is going well.
- The Bell Choir has just started up, and they are looking at allowing 7th graders, also.
- The Christmas program is scheduled for December 19th. Nona has agreed to coordinate the Christmas program, and she is planning to have practices on two Saturday's in December, also, in order to get in enough practice time.

Other Business

- Allan Josephson has had meetings with the new interim pastor that has been hired for the Campus Religious Center at SMSU. She is excited to get out and meet the congregations in the area. The Friday night Bible study started out slowly, but they are hoping that ministry will continue to grow.
- Kathy Bulander and Keven Larson agreed to be the council representatives on the Nominating Committee.

Respectfully Submitted, Deb Belaen

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

On Sunday, November 14, 2010, we had a kick off for our fund drive of the bell tower repair. Our goal is to raise \$12,000.00 for this project. At the present time, we have received approximately \$4,000.00 and have had some material donated.

Nona Gottskalkson made a bell-shaped poster and a stacked-bell chart showing the contributions for the project and can be seen in the narthex. A poster is included in this newsletter.

Two parts of the project are now completed. CEEC of Wabasso brought in a crane truck and lifted the bell so the timbers could be replaced. Our bell weighs approximately 2,200 pounds. We replaced the timbers with treated lumber and put a metal cap on top of them. Mel Breyfogle and I assisted CEEC on that part of the project. I have a sample of the old timbers along with the wheel in the narthex of the church for your viewing.

On the very next day, Nieman Roofing Company of New Prague came in and began the floor replacement. They spent about a day and a half here replacing the floor. The floor is sloped to an external drain, so the water can get out of the tower. The rubber floor is a one-piece installation and if a hole ever develops in it, it can be patched liked an inner tube.

The project left is to get the clay block glazed and to get a new wheel installed on the bell. I have a personal goal of the wheel installed and operational by Christmas Eve of this year. I am looking for assistance to help finish the wheel project.

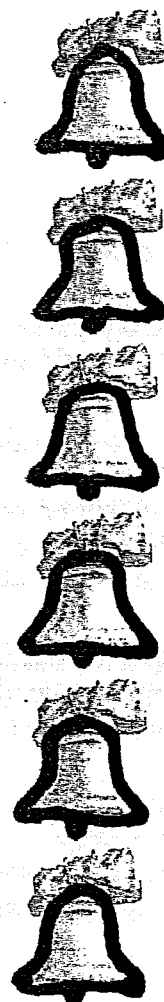


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THE BELL I KNOW WHO I AM

I am God's child (John 1:12)
I am Christ's friend (John 15:15)
I am united with the Lord (1 Cor. 6:17)
I am bought with a price (1 Cor. 6:19-20)
I am a saint (set apart for God). (Eph. 1:1)
I am a personal witness of Christ. (Acts 1:8)
I am the salt & light of the earth (Matt.5:13-14)
I am a member of the body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:27)
I am free forever from condemnation (Rom. 8: 1-2)
I am a citizen of Heaven. I am significant (Phil. 3:20)
I am free from any charge against me. (Rom. 8:31 - 34)
I am a minister of reconciliation for God (2 Cor. 5:17-21)
I have access to God through the Holy Spirit (Eph. 2:18)
I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (Eph. 2:6)
I cannot be separated from the love of God (Rom. 8:35-39)
I am established, anointed, sealed by God (2 Cor. 1: 21-22)
I am assured all things work together for good (Rom. 8:28)
I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit (John 15:16)
I may approach God with freedom and confidence (Eph. 3: 12)
I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13)
I am the branch of the true vine, a channel of His life (John 15: 1-5)
I am God's temple (1 Cor. 3:16). I am complete in Christ (Col. 2:10)
I am hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:3) I have been justified (Romans 5:1)
I am God's co-worker (1 Cor. 3:9; 2 Cor. 6:1) I am God's workmanship (Eph. 2:10)
I am confident that the good works God has begun in me will be perfected. (Phil. 1:5)
I have been redeemed and forgiven (Col. 1:14) I have been adopted as God's child (Eph. 1:5)

I belong to God
Do you know
who you are?!



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"Come to Bible Study!"

Come to the chapel on Thursdays at 7 p.m. for a weekly Bible study and a time of fellowship. This will start December 2nd. Come and pick a topic or a passage of scripture to study. Come for good fellowship. If you would like a morning or afternoon option, please let Pastor Kolden know.

Mentoring

The mentoring component of Confirmation is about to get rolling. Ninth graders will be matched with mentors this month.

Prayer Group

Everyone is welcome to come at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesdays to pray for our congregation and members, for community members, for family members near and far, for our political leaders, for our world, for all in need. This prayer time lasts about twenty minutes. Also, please give your prayer requests to the pastor to be lifted up to the Lord.

CIRCLE BIBLE STUDIES

**Martha Circle: Wednesday, December 1, 2010, 10:30 a.m., at Beulah Olson's home.
(NOTE TIME CHANGE)**

Ruth Circle: Wednesday, December 1, 2010, 2:00 p.m., at the church.

WORKGROUP CHAIRPERSONS

Earl and Lori Skaar 872-5180

ALTAR GUILD

**Linette Nelson 872-6997
Barb Okrina 872-5131**

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

**November 7 132
November 14 161
November 21 117
November 28 (Not included)**

OUR MINISTRY SUPPORT

**Amount received to date (Does not include November 28)..... \$96,234.19
Actual expenses to date (11/1-24)..... \$118,158.35**

Outreach:	\$ 1,493.69	Salaries:	\$ 82,046.82
Worship:	\$ 3,745.78	Properties:	\$ 18,722.58
Parish Education:	\$ 1,518.55	Home Benevolence:	\$ 151.50
Administration:	\$ 10,479.43		

Pastor's Musings

“The Word Made Flesh”

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

How did God create the heavens and the earth? According to Genesis 1, God spoke everything into being. God said the words, and it was done. God did not have to lift a finger to bring about the new creation. God's word was powerful enough to bring the universe into being.

But human beings resisted the word of God. Human beings said, “No!” to God's word. Human beings refused to let God remake them, to recreate them into the people God intended them to be. Such is the sad power human beings have, the power to resist the Master of the universe and to close their ears to God's voice.

How could God get through to sinful humanity? How could God get humanity to understand that the word of God comes to free people and to give people life? How could the powerful word of God come to people in such a way that they would hear it yet not be afraid?

The Word who was in the beginning with God and was God became enfleshed in a baby born in Bethlehem. The Word entered our world as a helpless infant, as a seemingly insignificant child in the backwaters of society. The Word-made-flesh did not look powerful, did not look worthy of our attention.

The Word of God, this Jesus, spoke God's word to all who would listen. This Word of God, this Jesus, did God to those he met – healing the sick, casting out demons, forgiving sins, and proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom of a God of love. God encountered the human race in Jesus. People encountered God in Jesus. Then Jesus did God's love to all by dying on the cross as the sacrifice for sin. He cried out, “It is finished!” God loved the world enough to die for all people. Jesus was God spelling himself out in a way people could understand.

In Advent we prepare for the coming of Jesus as the ruler of the entire universe, when the Lord will banish all that is evil from God's kingdom. We pray for God to make us ready for that day. At Christmas we celebrate that the Word has come to us and is in us. We praise the Word made flesh! We pray that God will empower us to love with the love that is ours in Jesus.

To know the Father, know the Son, God made flesh.

Pastor Thomas T. Kalden

Notes from the Pastor's Office

The next Men's Breakfast will be Saturday December 18th at Rusty's in Taunton at 7:30 a.m. All men are invited to come for good food and conversation.

Bulletins have been received from Bethany Lutheran Church in Elkader, Iowa, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Plymouth, Minnesota, and from Granite Falls Lutheran Church in Granite Falls, Minnesota.

Caroling

Everyone is invited to come caroling. Watch for details in the bulletin.

Christmas Program

The Sunday School Christmas Program will be Sunday December 19th at 4:00 p.m. A supper served by the Youth of Hope will follow.

COLLEGE STUDENT PARTICIPATION SUNDAY

On December 26th, the college students who are home for break will be asked to participate in the morning worship service, a service of lessons and carols. Parents, please let the office know if your son or daughter will be home.

FROM THE INTERNET Pastor's e-mail address is: [hopeminneota @starpoint.net](mailto:hopeminneota@starpoint.net)

Christmas Comes But Once A Year

"Christmas comes but once a year,"
Is an old familiar phrase.
But what do you do with Christmas
Through all the other days?

With Christmas trees and Santa Claus
And tinsel shinning bright,
Many often fail to see
The star that shone that night.

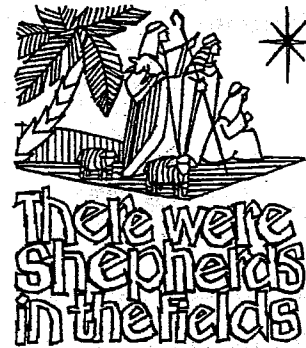
Oh, truly Christmas is a time
For joy and much good cheer,
An a lot that goes with Christmas
Should come but once a year.

But the true meaning of Christmas
Is the love the Christ Child brought.
This should not just once a year,
But all your days be sought.

Please carry through the year to come
The truths Christ came to say---
And you will find within your heart
It's Christmas every day!

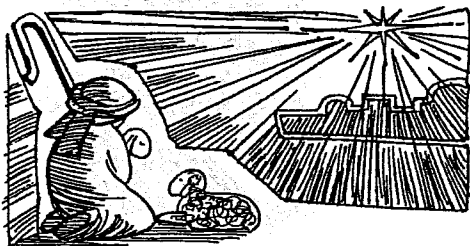
CHRISTMAS EVE Worship Service

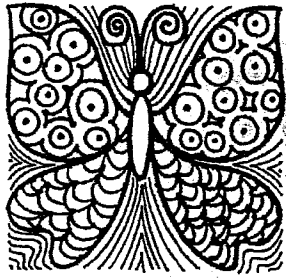
On Friday, December 24th, there will be a Christmas Eve Worship Service, beginning at 7:00 p.m. with a "Reunion Choir" singing "Come to the Manger" and "Birthday of the King".



CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE Worship Service

On Christmas Day, there will be a worship service with Holy Communion at 10:00 a.m.





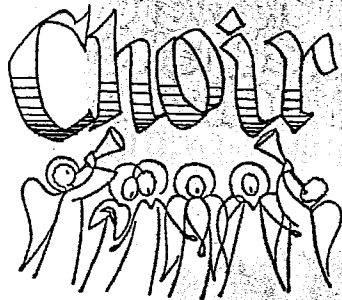
Call

Committee

The "Call Committee" met November 8, 2010. All were present. Information was compiled for the Synod. Discussion was held regarding the opening on the Call Committee for a confirmed youth.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 29, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Josephson.



JUBILATION CHOIR SCHEDULE 2010-2011

- December 1 - practice
- December 5 - Jubilation - "Wake, Awake"
- December 8 - practice
- December 12 - Kids' Sunday
- December 15 - practice
- December 19 - Jubilation - Several Christmas anthems
- December 22 - NO practice - perhaps caroling and a holiday party
- December 24 - Reunion Choir - "Come to the Manger" and "Birthday of the King"
- December 25 - Special music
- December 26 - Special music
- December 29 - NO practice
- January 2 - Special music
- January 5 - practice
- January 9 - Jubilation - Christmas concert in the evening



Poinsettias

A Christmas Poinsettia Fund will be set up and contributions will be used to purchase Poinsettia plants. Please complete the form below and return it to the church office by Sunday, December 12, 2010. If you prefer to share a Poinsettia plant of your own, please bring it the church by December 24th.

PLACE IN THE OFFERING PLATE OR MAIL TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2010.

_____ Donation _____ Bringing own Plant

Given in memory of _____

Given in honor of _____

Given by _____

Please make checks payable to: Hope Lutheran Church

If you need more forms, please contact the church office.

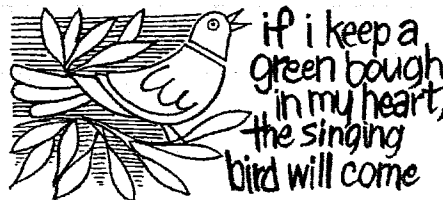
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PRAYER SHAWLS

We have been so greatly blessed with the Prayer Shawl Committee since we have been in existence for three months, and we have already made 23 shawls. Thank you to the committee for such a great contribution of talents and love. Prayer shawls can be used for: undergoing medical procedures; during an illness and recovery; as a comfort after loss or in times of stress; during bereavement; prayer or meditation; commitment or marriage ceremonies; birthing, nursing a baby; bridal shower or wedding gift; graduation, birthday, ordination, holiday gifts; ministering to others; or just socializing...endless possibilities.

The Prayer Shawl Committee is open to any donations of yarn or money for this project. There will also be a memorial fund set up through Bob Nelson.

For any questions or concerns about the Prayer Shawl Committee, please contact Becky Peterson at 872-5233 or Rita Dovre at 872-6059.



HOPE FOR TOMORROW

The "Hope for Tomorrow" Support Group met November 11th with five people attending. The next meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in the church library. Anyone who has lost their spouse is welcome to come.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Josephson

"HLCW" CORNER

The Hope Lutheran Church Women met on November 18, 2010, at 2:00 p.m., with Rita Dovre in charge of the program entitled, "Race and Culture." Rita read several Bible verses indicating there is only one race—the human race, because we are all ONE in Christ. Rita gave a very interesting and informative program on her experiences when she worked as a nurse in the Public Health System. Rita told us about the cultural differences among the Hispanic, Hmong, and Somalian people.

Sandy Tolk gave a report on the Fall Supper and Bake Sale and said it was a success. I would like to thank everyone, especially Sandy Tolk and Marilyn Kompelien for chairing it and making cranberry relish, all those who made meatballs, lefse, helped the night of the supper, as well as those who brought to the bake sale or donated money. Without such great willingness to help, it would not be a success.

Please remember to bring health kit items to the church office or to the December HLCW meeting. A list is on the backside of this page and there is a box located in the church office.

Bonnie Hanson told us about a program called "Soles for Souls," in which you can drop your gently worn shoes off at her house and they can be sent to Tanzania, in order that the people there can have shoes on their feet. There is no need to clean the insides of the shoes as cleaning them provides jobs for those people.

We received a letter from New Horizon Crisis Center/Western Community Action that they are having a December Diaper Drive, in which they are asking us to donate diapers and wipes to struggling families. There will be a box in the back of the church or bring them to the December HLCW meeting; or, if you wish, you can donate money to HLCW so we can buy boxes of diapers and/or wipes.

The next HLCW meeting will be December 9, 2010, at 12:00 noon with a potluck meal. Marlene Josephson will be in charge of the program entitled, "Spiritual Gifts."

(Please note the change in time as this will be held the second Thursday in December and at noon.)

I wish everyone a happy holiday season and a blessed new year.

Take care,

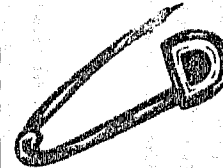
Betty Prellwitz, President



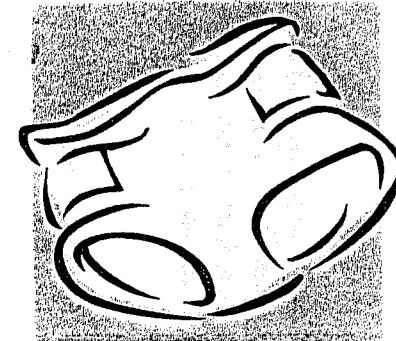
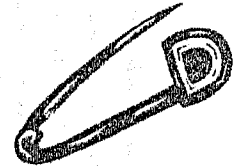
HEALTH KIT ITEMS

Please bring to the December HLCW meeting or put in a box in the church office:

- 1) one hand towel - dark color recommended
- 2) one washcloth - dark color recommended
- 3) one bath-size bar (4-5 oz.) soap of any brand, in it's original wrapping
- 4) one adult-size toothbrush in its original packing
- 5) one metal nail file or nail clippers with the file attached; remove the packaging. (Do not substitute cardboard emery boards for the file)
- 6) six band-aids preferably 1/2 to 3/4 inch; secure together with a rubber band



December Diaper Drive



Please consider donating a box of diapers and wipes as families in Southwest Minnesota struggle to make ends meet and provide diapers to their little ones.

Deliver your diapers and enclosed donation form to New Horizons Crisis Center 109 S. 5th Street, Marshall and let them know it is for the Diaper Drive!

Please deliver your diapers during the month of December, as this will help local families and children near the Christmas Holiday.

Thank you for your support!



YOUTH OF HOPE

Youth of Hope will be holding a meeting on Dec 5th following worship service in the library. All students in grades 8 to 12 should attend. Election of officers will be held at this meeting.

Christmas Cookie/Goodie sale will be held following the Dec 12th worship service. Goodies for the sale are donated by Youth of Hope members (students in grades 8-12). Pick out an assortment of cookies and other Christmas goodies. Items to be sold by the pound.

Youth of Hope will be serving a light supper following the Sunday School Christmas Program on Sun, Dec 19th.

TEEN POWER

Please join us for pizza, hanging out, fun, and learning on Wednesday, December 1st and Wednesday, December 22nd, beginning at 6:15 p.m.



ATTENTION: NINTH GRADERS AND PARENTS

On Sunday, December 5th, there will be a meeting with Pastor Kolden, after the church service, in the chapel to pick a date for Confirmation.

Lefse Order

Youth of Hope are now taking orders for lefse.

\$4.00 per package for 3 sheets of lefse

Place order by Friday, Dec. 10th.

Lefse can be picked up at the church on Sunday, Dec 12th.

Complete the form below and drop off in church office or you may contact Lori Skaar 872-5180, Brenda Prellwitz 872-6996 or the church office at 872-6446 to place an order.

Name _____

Number of packages _____

Phone Number _____

(Editor's note: In October, two visitors from South Africa came to our Prairie Conference. They were Dean Protus Sipho Lwandle and Mr. Agrippa Ntombela. Dean Lwandle preached at Hope, and Noel Orsen drove them around our area for several days.

What follows are Pastor Janet Colby of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church of Canby's reflection on the visit as chair of the Conference committee on relations with the Mfolozi Circuit and a thank you from Dean Agrippa.)

Walking Together...

As the bountiful harvest of 2010 continues to be gathered, I am awestruck by God's abundant, steadfast nature. How can we *not* be humbled by the generous Hand of God reaching down to touch us with all that is encompassed and reflected in His amazing grace? And how can we not be exalted in knowing that He not only gives these great gifts to us, but invites us to partner with Him in distributing them—calling us to work together as companions in the bringing of His dream: that ALL people would know and share in the gift of His abundant blessings.

This invitation has been brought to greater reality to those of us who are called to live and work in that geographic area of the Southwestern Minnesota Synod known as the Prairie Conference. Living out God's call to mission to build the global body of Christ through the ELCA Companion Synod Program, the people of our Conference recently hosted the Rev. Dean P.S. Lwandle and Mr. Agrippa Ntombela from the Mfolozi Circuit of South Africa.

Nestled in the region of Kwa Zulu Natal, the Mfolozi Circuit reflects many of the same assets we share in, including rich, fertile land and deeply-loving people, committed to Christ and family values.

Exploring God's global mission has brought us to one another's homes and sanctuaries that we might meet, greet, and grow *together in Christ*.

We've worshipped *together*, prayed *together*, broken bread *together*, and shared the stories of each other's heartbreaks and joys.

Our Brothers were as overwhelmed by the depth of hospitality they received in "America" as they were amazed at the bounty which exists here.

The journey which brought them here on October 8th opened their eyes to how we farm: from the harvesting of crops with massive combines to the raising of livestock through precise feeding programs.

Together, we've shared the story of where we've been through visits to local historical centers and the Lower Sioux Indian Reservation.

Together, we've looked towards where we're going through the touring of our schools, libraries, hospitals, stores, nursing homes, businesses and the Courts.

Together, we've experienced God's presence through the gift of their preaching, and in fellowship through conversation, study, meals, ordination, confirmation, and worship.

Together, we've walked the farmland, shared the bounty of our gardens, and held not only the fruits of the fall harvest, but our hopes and dreams.

We trust in God to continue to reveal His own hopes and dreams for us. There is much work to be done, but it has now begun in earnest.

Together, the Prairie Conference Companion and Mfolozi Circuit Partnership

Committees *thank you* for the sharing of your many gifts. To date, throughout the Prairie Conference, *you have given \$3,200.17 for the benefit of our Brothers & Sisters in the Mfolozi Circuit!!*

Together, we will identify new garden plots and use these dollars to cultivate the soil, enclose the plots with fencing, and plant seeds. The harvest which comes from these gardens will provide nourishment and sustenance to many who are without in our partner circuit.

Together, we will work to implement a pilot poultry project for the raising of chickens for distribution and consumption. The building of the necessary lodging for the chickens, as well as the daily care of the chicks, will further serve to bring much-needed employment.

Together, we are called to bring glory to God and build up the whole body of Christ. With God's help, and through his steadfast and abundant mercy and grace, we walk this journey.

In Christ's Service †

Pastor Janet Colby

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

Thank you very much for your friendship and wonderful hospitality. We love you very much.

We had a safe journey home. We related our experiences and the people are very happy.

We wish you all God's blessings at Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Greetings from all of us!

Rev. Dean P.S. Lwandle

The Multiplier

by Emily Sollie

When Margaret Ngigi received a dairy goat from Lutheran World Relief, she had no idea how much the small animal would change her life.

Today, thanks in large part to her remarkably prolific goat, Margaret's status in her community and her standard of living have increased dramatically.



Margaret's prolific goat changed her life.

Margaret received her goat through her women's group in rural Kenya. When it gave birth for the first time, she felt blessed to see a litter of three kids: one to repay the women's group, which would get passed along to another woman who had not yet received a goat, and two to sell.

She felt even luckier when, the next time her goat gave birth, it had four kids. Margaret was astonished the third time, when her goat gave birth to an astounding FIVE kids.

Since then, Margaret's goat has consistently given her three kids at a time with each birth. With so many kids to sell, Margaret now has no trouble providing for her family. She has used the money for her children's school fees, a metal roof for her house, a water tank and improvements to her five-acre farm. Because of those improvements, she was voted the best farmer in her district, and received a trophy and a small cash prize.

"Now I can even afford to hire someone to help me work the farm," she says proudly.

Perhaps Margaret's most significant accomplishment, though, was that she was able to repay her late husband's dowry. In Kenya, a man customarily pays a dowry to his bride's family. If he is unable to pay the dowry at the time of the marriage, he may arrange to pay it in installments until it is paid off.

Margaret's husband died before he was able to finish paying his dowry to her family, and a widow whose dowry is left unpaid is often looked down upon by other members of the community. By paying the dowry herself, she has ensured that her husband will not be remembered as a debtor, and she has raised her own social status in her community. Now when her own daughters are of an age to marry, she will be able to accept the dowry offered by their grooms.

And all thanks to a very prolific goat!

This Christmas, you can help other women like Margaret by purchasing a goat or another item from LWR Gifts. Visit lwrgifts.org for gift ideas.

Emily Sollie is LWR's Director of Communications and Media Relations.



Margaret with one of her goat's kids.

GROUP 3

March - Jean Josephson - 872-6417

Noel Orsen - 872-5438

June - Jim & Judy Lanners - 872-5466

September - Jim & Helen Rokeh - 872-6847

December - Earl & Lori Skaar - 872-5180

Robert & LaVonn Alleckson	872-6491	Tim & Dee Koppien	872-6359
Scott & Bree Anderson	872-5411	Don Korman	532-6840
Gayle & Harriet Bernardy	872-6952	Jamie Lanners	929-2222
Marcus Bruns	872-6712	Keven & Kari Larson	872-6808
Valerie Buysse	872-6809	Carolyn Meiners	872-6757
Jesse & Hope Christianson	428-3414	Gerard & Pat Morin	872-5270
John & Arlene Claeys	872-5213	Eric & Paula Myhre	401-6872
Charles & Linda Dalager	872-6062	Gerald & Shirley Myhre	763-3430
Fran & Val Downing	872-6887	Mike & Julianne Myhre	428-3546
Darwin & Lori Dyce	828-9567	Bob & Linette Nelson	872-6997
Cindy Esping	872-5228	Lynn & Barb Okrina	872-5131
Tony Esping	872-5466	Beulah Olson	872-6429
Troy & Lori Fink	872-6129	Brad Orth	872-5005
Adam & Kelli Gamrak	872-5229	Pete & Colleen Petersen	487-5536
Ronald Gilgert	872-6743	Randy & Deanna Prellwitz	872-5424
Christine Hansen	872-6817	Karen Rogge	872-6099
Earl & Laurel Hasert	872-6762	Rodney & Darlene Rye	296-4488
Cindy Henline	428-3837	Harold Schwartz	872-5109
Royal Hettling	872-6326	Helen Skaar	872-6049
Charles Hettling	872-6574	Beth Swedzinski	872-6851
Gary Huso	537-1031	Troy & Carla Thompson	872-5208
Jay & Cindy Jeremiason	872-5476	Ron & Tammy Thostenson	872-5437
Gordon & Alta Johnson	872-6092	Virgil Ufkin	872-6284
Norma Johnson	296-4522	Pete & Gayle VanVooren	872-6927
Sandy Josephson	872-6706	Judy Wambeke	872-6069
Cary & Rebecca Jurrens	872-5911	Joyce Wigness	872-6258
Yvette Kloos	872-5028	Tom & Maxine Yeo	872-6786

Duties Every Sunday

Ushering - Nursery Sitters - Coffee Servers

Special Duties

March

Clean Kitchen and Store Room Fellowship Hall

Lenten Services

September

Clean Kitchen and Store Room in Fellowship Hall

December

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

FUNERALS ARE SERVED ON A ROTATING BASIS

Live Nativity Scene

Parking Lot

Russell Presbyterian Church

Saturday, Dec. 4 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 5 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Narration every 1/2 hour

Portrayed by Community Members
and Live Animals

Bring your family!
Walk through or drive by
Sing with the Carolers or join the cast.

Come inside and enjoy music,
hot cider/coffee and goodies.

Community Event is sponsored by
Grace First Parish of Russell.

It is our Christmas gift for all to enjoy.

For unto Us,
a Child is born...



Enjoy An
Old Fashioned
Danish Christmas



Saturday, December 4th
Danebod Campus, Tyler, MN

(one block south of Hwy 14)

Shop Our
Julebutikker
"Christmas Shop"
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Danish Cookies & Breads

Danish Coffeecake

Homemade Danish Meats

Scandinavian & Other
Unique Crafts & Gifts

Afternoon Coffee With
Danish Kringle/Rosettes

Campus Decorated In the
Warmth of the Holidays
(Tours Available)

Caroling & Dancing

Fresh Aebleskiver Tasting

Traditional Danish Supper

Danebod Folk School Dining Hall
4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Frikadeller, Medisterpølse, Pork Roast,
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Rødkål, Vegetables
Salads & Dessert

Adults - \$8.00 / Age 10 & Under - \$4.00
Limited Seating Available
Advance Tickets Recommended
Please call 507-247-3000

For further information or overnight room
rentals at the Polk School Call 247-5341


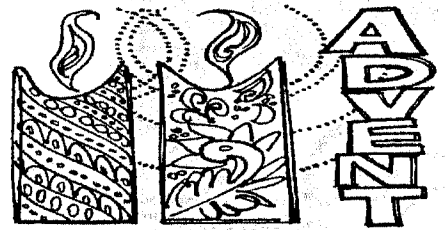


In case of inclement weather, listen to KLOH
(1050 AM) or KMHL (1400 AM)

Danebod WELCA Invites you to come
& enjoy an Evening of

Free Entertainment
At the Danebod Lutheran Church
Story Telling by Richard Siemers
6:00 p.m.

Piano At Its Best by
Glenn Henriksen
7:00 p.m.

Followed by the traditional
"Dancing Around the Christmas Tree"
(in the Gymhall)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>December 2010</h1>						
			<p>1 8:00 a.m. Prayer Group 10:30 a.m. "Martha" Circle at the home of Beulah Olson 2:00 p.m. "Ruth" Circle at church 5:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:00 p.m. Walking Group 6:15 p.m. Teen Power 7:00 p.m. Jubilation practice 8:00 p.m. Worship & Music Mtg.</p>	<p>2 9:00 a.m. Interim Pastors' Mtg/Redwood Falls 2:30 p.m. Minneota Manor - Holy Communion 7:00 p.m. Bible Study</p>	<p>3 12:00 p.m. Headstart/Extension Parent meeting</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 9:00 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion Jubilation Choir 10:00 a.m. Parents/9th graders meet with pastor in chapel, following worship 10:10 a.m. Youth of Hope meeting 10:10 a.m. Coffee hour/Sunday School Following Sunday School: Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Worship TV Broadcast, Ch. 3 Lake Shetek Lutefisk Supper</p>	<p>6 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting</p>	<p>7 Noon - Text Study at Bethany-Elim</p>	<p>8 8:00 a.m. Prayer Group 5:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:00 p.m. Walking Group 7:00 p.m. Jubilation practice</p>	<p>9 9:30 a.m. "Prayer Shawl" Mtg/Library 7:00 p.m. Bible Study 8:00 p.m. "Hope for Tomorrow" Support Group Mtg/Library</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 9:00 a.m. Worship - Kids' Sunday 10:00 a.m. Pick up lefse 10:00 a.m. Cookies/goodies sale 10:10 a.m. Coffee hour/Sunday School Following Sunday School: Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Worship TV Broadcast, Ch. 3</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Noon - Text Study at Bethany-Elim</p>	<p>15 8:00 a.m. Prayer Group 5:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:00 p.m. Walking Group 7:00 p.m. Jubilation practice</p>	<p>16 2:00 p.m. "HLCW" Meeting 7:00 p.m. Bible Study</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group at Rusty's Cafe</p>
<p>19 9:00 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion Jubilation Choir 10:10 a.m. Coffee hour/Sunday School Following Sunday School: Bell Choir 4:00 p.m. Sunday School Christmas Program - light supper following 6:30 p.m. Worship TV Broadcast, Ch. 3</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 9:00 a.m. Conference Pastors' Meeting at Danebod in Tyler</p>	<p>22 8:00 a.m. Prayer Group 5:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:00 p.m. Walking Group 6:15 p.m. Teen Power NO Jubilation practice</p>	<p>23 7:00 p.m. Bible Study</p>	<p>24 <u>CHRISTMAS EVE</u> 7:00 p.m. Worship</p> 	<p>25 <u>CHRISTMAS DAY</u> 10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion</p> 
<p>26 9:00 a.m. Worship/Special Music Walk-around offering 10:00 a.m. Altar Guild Meeting 10:00 a.m. Executive Council Meeting 10:10 a.m. Coffee hour (NO SS) 6:30 p.m. Worship TV Broadcast, Ch. 3</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 8:00 a.m. Prayer Group 6:00 p.m. Walking Group NO Jubilation practice</p>	<p>30 (No Bible Study)</p>	<p>31</p>	