



CELEBRATION

Lutheran Church

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CELEBRATION!
MAY YOU BE BLESSED BY THE HEALING GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST TODAY!

November 14 & 15, 2009



Celebration's **Annual Meeting** is Sunday, November 15 at 9:20 am in the Sanctuary following an abbreviated 8:30 am service. Childcare (through age 6) is provided in the nursery. Older children may go to the Fireside Room.

WELCA Bake Sale
Nov. 21/22 after all services in the Gathering Space
Purchase Lefse, baked goods and Fair Trade coffee at this annual fundraiser.

Sartell Community Thanksgiving Service
Wednesday, November 25 at 7 pm at St. Francis
Bring a non-perishable food item. All offerings will be towards the Food Shelf.

Our Mission: "We are a community of Christians who welcome all to: *celebrate* the good news of Jesus Christ, *grow* as faithful disciples, and *serve* in the world."

We Prepare For Worship

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Special Music this Sunday:
8:30 & 10:30 am – Celebration Singers with Dr. Kasling on the organ

Next Sunday's Music:
8:30 & 10:30 am – Proclaim

To prepare for worship on November 21/22 please read: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14, Psalm 93, Revelation 1:4b-8, and John 18:33-37

"The Leading Question"

A Weekly Message from Our Lead Pastor

Q: What is Consecration Weekend?

A: Next Saturday and Sunday (11/21 & 22) we're all invited to present (during worship) our Time & Talent and Financial Commitments to the Lord and His church for the coming year. All that we have is a gift from God. We are invited, in gratitude, to consecrate to God a generous portion of those gifts to fulfill our human need to give and to support the work of our church in the world. **Pastor Tom**

Worship Matters

Weekly Worship Schedule

Sat.: 5:00 pm ReFuel Contemporary Service
Sun.: 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Child care (through age 4) is provided in the nursery during all worship services.

Worship Attendance Last Weekend:

November 7/8: Total- 551 5 pm – 171
8:30 am – 209 10:30 am – 171

Through the first 45 weeks of 2009 our average weekly worship attendance is up 4.4% over the same period in 2008.

Prayer Requests

Lavender Prayer Request Forms are available at the Welcome Center. Prayers are normally listed in the announcement page for 4 weeks; you may call the church office to extend this request beyond 4 weeks.

Hospitalized this week: Nancy Elstad, Larry Lefvasseur, Pat McCall

In Our Prayers: Shaun Curtis, Anna Dammen, Stacey Fristad, June Huberty, Doug Larson, Emily O'Neill, Lynne O'Neill Willey, Jill Scherr, Carol Tester
Kristin Brandt (Dale Zika's cousin)
Peg Dahl (Carol Ann Zika's co-worker)
Britt, Luke & Sam Elam (Linda Theisen's cousins)
Julie Flattum (Scott Ambrosier's aunt)
Donna Gartland (Darlene Gunderson's aunt)
Mason Jarvis (Cliff Teigland's great-nephew)
Delores Johnson (Tracy Nelson's mother)
Donna Langemeier (Rachel Johnson's mother)
Steve Mullen (Carol Ann Zika's co-worker)
Debbie Novak (Ann Emholtz's friend)
Elinor Steen (Betty Arveson's mother)
Ron Todd (Nancy Campbell's friend)
Marie Zika (Dale Zika's mother)

Please keep **Lori and Avalon Schlecht and Sara Orjansen** in your prayers while they are in Haiti November 12 – 16 to do mission work at the New Arrival Orphanage.

Congratulations to Mike & Angela Burnett on the birth of their daughter LlaNelle Renee on November 11.

Our condolences are extended to:

Carol Degiovanni & Steve & Leigh Klaverkamp and family on the death of Carol's mom and Leigh's grandma, Alice Groth. May the promise that our Lord Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life, comfort and strengthen all who mourn.

Please remember in prayer:

Our deployed military personnel,
Dan Bart (Chris Garman's cousin)
Sara Conroy (Randy & Peg Asseln's niece)
David Deuel
Joe Milewski (Amanda Ahrndt's brother in law)
Rachael Rowe (Pastor Elizabeth's niece)
Erik Lindroth (Annie Zitur [Cashman]'s friend)

Have family members serving overseas in the military? Include them in prayers by calling the church office at 255-0488 ext. 0.

Thank You!

... to all who helped make the Family Fall Event on Oct. 31 a huge success!

Music Notes

- If you are between grades 3 – 6, **Witness Choir** would love to have your help in singing for the Christmas Program Sun., Dec. 12 @ 3 pm. Rehearsals are Sundays at 9:35 in the music room. Join us!
- **Men's Choir** rehearses Thursdays in December at 8:30 pm. Men's Choir sings in Sunday worship December 20.
- **Celebration Singers** rehearse Thursdays at 7:00 pm. This choir is open to all adults and youth 9th grade and up.
- **Rehearsals have started but you can still join!** Check the schedule, find a good fit and contact Jennifer!
- **AV (Audio Visual)** needs more people on board. Contact Jennifer Ambrosier!

Opportunities To Grow

Dealing with Grief and Loss at the Holidays
Come hear guest presenters Roxann Storms on **Sunday, Nov. 22** and Sister Joyce Iten on **Sunday, Nov. 29** discuss this important subject **during the 9:35 am Education Hour**. Sister Joyce Iten is certified as a spiritual director and hospital chaplain. She is also a certified death and grief educator and gives presentations on grief, loss, death and dying. Roxann Storms coordinated the grief and loss program of Catholic Charities for almost 10 years.

Pr. Larry Streng, Director for Evangelical Mission for the SW MN Synod, will be with us on Nov. 28/29 portraying Dr. Martin Luther for the message at each service. He will also be available after each service for questions regarding his work in our synod and other matters.



Fueling Faith Connections (FFC) Join us after Sat. worship from 6-7:30 pm for dinner and faith-filled fellowship to connect people of all ages. Upcoming Sat. events:

Nov. 14 No FFC this weekend

Nov. 21 FFC Bowling event
3:15-4:30 bowl at Great River
5 worship & 6 Dinner at CLC
\$10 suggested

Sign up by Nov 18 on the Y&F board
Contact Nicole for more info

Sat., Dec. 5 package food for **Kids Against Hunger**. Sign up on the youth board.

Opportunities to Serve

Holiday Food Baskets

Give thanks by sharing with others this Thanksgiving! We'll provide Thanksgiving Dinner for 30 families in the Sartell community. Pick up a donation envelope in the Gathering Space. Return items back to that area **THIS WEEKEND, November 14-15**. Cash donations and Coborns Turkey cards (partial or complete) also accepted in the basket. Contact Pat Mannie (250-9675) or Jane Scherber (259-7791).



Check out the Mission Haiti board in the Gathering Space. Place items for Haiti (shoes, clothes, backpacks & suitcases) in the baskets by the board and see all the Haitian children we are sponsoring as well as children waiting for sponsorship.

Habitat for Humanity needs help from Lutherans Thrivent is giving a grant for \$133,000, but to receive that grant, Habitat still needs to raise \$18,000 from Lutherans by the end of November. Also 50% of the volunteers on the St. Cloud building site must be Lutheran. If you'd like to work on the house or make a donation, call the Habitat office at 320-656-8890.

All **Celebration attendees** are welcome to help at our worship services. We have opportunities for youth (gr. 5 and up) and adults to serve. Sign up on the volunteer board in the hall or contact Teresa at 255-0488 x170.

Miscellaneous

All bakers are invited to **lefse baking** Monday, Nov. 16 at 6 pm. Bring donated labeled baked goods to the church between 10 am & noon on Sat., Nov. 21 and we will do the pricing. Contact Rosemary Winch, 253-6399, for more info.



WELCA Bake Sale On the weekend of Nov. 21/22, Celebration's Women of the ELCA will be holding their annual fundraiser – we're selling lefse and baked goods. Fair Trade coffee products also will be sold!

Carmel Rolls Sales this weekend

at the Coffee Bar! This is a fundraiser for the Sr. High Mission Trip. **Only \$1 each!**



Mayor's Prayer Breakfast Tuesday, Nov. 17 from 7-8:30 am at the St. Cloud Civic Center. We have 3 free tickets available at the church office. Call Chris at ext. 100.

In Memory Two flowering Crabapple trees have been planted on the west side of the church, they were donated by Jim and Julie Ellis in memory of Jim's mother Rosemary Ellis. Two Autumn Blaze maple trees have been planted in the large driveway island, they were donated in memory of Jack Ottem, by the Ottem, Karels and Lewandowski families.

Bishop Jon Anderson is presenting **Bishops Academy in the Holy Land** on Sun., Nov. 22 at 1 pm at Atonement Lutheran in St. Cloud.

Poinsettia Plants: Help decorate the church for the Christmas Season by purchasing poinsettias. Forms are located at the Welcome Center. **Orders must be received by Wednesday, Dec. 9.**



MOPS Market Night is Thurs., Nov. 19 from 5:30-9 pm. Everyone is invited! Bring a food shelf item and explore the tables! Moms can still register for MOPS! Call Julia Bjerke at 259-7849. See Primary Board for info.

Giving Update

Wow! Members of Celebration have so far responded with ("above and beyond") leadership gifts of over \$25,000 to help eliminate our giving shortfall. Let's all respond with extra gifts to triple this amount to \$75,000! Thank you!

We are Joyful and Generous Managers of God's Blessings

<u>General Fund Support through Oct. 25</u>	
2009 General Fund Budget	\$858,900
Average Weekly Expenses	\$16,517
Average Weekly Gifts	\$13,331
Given last weekend	\$16,449
Budgeted year to date	\$743,265
Given year to date	\$599,925
Current status	-\$143,340

<u>Capital Fund Support through Oct. 25</u>	
2009 Budget	\$225,800
Budgeted per week	\$4,350
Average Weekly Gifts	\$4,316
Given last weekend	\$3,149
Budgeted to date	\$195,442
Given year to date	\$194,228
Current status	-\$1,214

Celebration Resource Center November's featured book is "Character Makeover." Place your order by Friday, Nov. 20 for this encouraging book. Also, remember to check out our great First Communion gifts!

Make a donation towards the **MOPS service project**. We are making kits of greeting cards that to send to children whose mom or dad is deployed with the military We are looking for stamp ink, card stock, envelopes, forever stamps, and scrapbooking supplies such as stickers, etc.

Coffee and Fellowship Time will begin at 10:10 am this Sunday, following the Annual Meeting.

Library News- Check out the table of featured books by the Welcome Center from our well-stocked library, located in the Fireside Room.

WordAlone will view a DVD of Word Alone's President Jaynan Clark at Faith Lutheran Church, Silver Creek (Monticello) at 2:00 pm on Sunday, November 22.

Please check the Lost & Found box located behind the Welcome Center. Many items have been recovered!

Need to contact us?

We have a new general email address: ReachUs@CelebrationLutheranChurch.com

Community Events

Place of Hope's Hope for the Holidays Fundraising Banquet Sat., Nov. 21 at 5:30 pm. Free admission, but tickets are required. Call 203-7887. See Community Board for more info.

Lutheran Social Service Adoption Info meeting Thurs., Nov. 19 from 6-8 pm at Atonement Lutheran in St. Cloud. Call Lynne Haggart at 1-888-205-3769 for info or to register.

Good Samaritan Fund has two families looking for donated washers & dryers. Call Bruce Campbell at 267-4426.

Youth Connection

Primary Notes

We need of a **volunteer baptismal coordinator!** For more information regarding this fulfilling position contact Nicole at x105

GODZONE ITEMS NEEDED: vegetable oil, diapers (any size) and empty plastic water/pop bottle with caps. Place items in the box by the youth board.

Sunday School Substitutes needed for the 8:30 am Sunday School hour. Call Christy at 255-0488 ext. 105.

Middle School Notes

YDT Service Night Wednesday, Nov. 18 Check with your guide about what you are doing on that night.

Jr. Blue will not meet on Sunday, Nov. 29, as previously scheduled. Stay posted for our next meeting time!

Senior High Notes

Sr. High Mission Trip We have spots available for our Aug. 1-6, 2010 trip to Benton Harbor, MI. Next mission trip meeting is Sunday, Nov. 22 at 4:30 pm. Contact Kyle for info – 296-1239.

All 9th graders and their parents are expected to attend the Mentor Program Informational Meeting on Wed., Nov. 18 from 7-8:15 pm.



Mission trip participants, **pick up your Christmas greens** for distribution at the Blue House garage on Sat., Nov. 21 from 6:30 pm or Sun., Nov. 22 between services and after the 11:30 am service. Questions? Contact Aaron Dowzak.

Wednesday Night Youth Activities

5:15 pm – GodZone pizza dinner (\$1 a slice)

5:45-6:45 pm – GodZone 3rd & 4th gr.

6-6:45 pm – Spirit Choir, gr. K-2nd

6:15-7 pm – YDT for 5th-6th gr.

7-8:15 pm – YDT for 7th, 8th & 9th gr.

Worship Assistants This Weekend

	SATURDAY, 5:00 PM	SUNDAY, 8:30 AM	SUNDAY, 10:30 AM
Piano/Organ	Grant Strom	Dr. Kim Kasling	Dr. Kim Kasling
Acolytes	Catie Ogilvy	Elijah Krystosek	Mickey Kutz
Communion Assistants	Christa Ogilvy	Deanna Fuchs	Madonna Maas
	Vicky Peterson	Karla Teer	Alan Reitz
	Robin Sarner		
3rd Comm. Station	Jackie Evavold	Belinda Tysver	Joe Lawson
	Shawn Hoffman-Bram	Greg Voller	Bev Peterson
Nursery Attendants	Bev Zupfer	Tara Fincher	Bev Zupfer
	Sam Locke	Melissa Koester	Jordyn Anderson
		Aidan Kruckeberg	Morgan Anderson
Readers	Tiffany Fahleen	Jody Pasell	Michelle Anderson
Usher Captains	Karl Schmidt	John Kokula	Nate Winkelman
Ushers	Derek Schmidt	Laurie Keller	Brett Pinkerton
	Anna Schmitz	Tom Keller	Jackie Pinkerton
	Beth Schmitz	Brian Roelofs	Jon Pinkerton
	Ryan Schmitz	Garrett Roelofs	Tommy Pinkerton
	Troy Schmitz	Dan Tysver	Erik Skoe
Communion Prep	Robin Sarner	Belinda Tysver	Anne Skoe
AV Techs	Deb & Paul Berglund	Thomas Furnstahl	Kent Gehrke
	Rick Sarner	JoyGenea Schumer	
Fellowship & Refreshments		Set Up 8 am, Serve at 9:25 & Clean Up 10 Dean Lanes, Anna & Jerry Lahr, Diana Wright	

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Directors of Youth & Family Ministries:

Primary: Christy Freeman,
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Middle School: Aaron Dowzak (ext. 107)

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Teresa Ahrendt (ext. 170)

Parish Nurse:

Vonnie Ottem (251-6582)

November 2009

YDT= Youth Discipleship Training FFC = Fueling Faith Connections MOPS – Mothers of Preschoolers

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
15 8:30 & 10:30am Worship 9:20am Annual Meeting No Witness Choir 8:30 & 9:30am Sunday School 10:10am Fellowship 11:30am Place of Hope servers 2:30pm Piano Recital	16 Pastors' Sabbath 6pm Lefse Baking 7pm Boy Scouts <u>Rehearsals:</u> 7pm BELLievers 8pm Proclaim	17 9:45am Staff Mtg. 6:30pm Just Friends Jam	18 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9am Mission Quilters 5:15pm GodZone Pizza Dinner 5:45-6:45pm GodZone 6-6:45pm Spirit Choir 7pm Thanks. Rehearsal – St. Francis 7:15pm Stewardship/Cap Appeal YDT 5 th -8 th grade service night 7-8:15pm Gr 9 (parents & youth)	19 6:15-7:30pm 1 st Communion Class 6:30-9pm MOPS Market Night 7pm Cel. Singers Reh	20	21 2pm leave for Jr. High Youth Gathering 3:30pm ReFuel Reh. 3:30-4:30pm FFC Bowling Consecration Weekend 5pm Worship Service 6pm WELCA Bake Sale 6-6:30pm FFC Wreath Distribution
22 Christ the King Sunday Consecration Weekend 8:30 & 10:30am Worship 9:35am Fellowship & Adult Ed – Dealing with Grief & Loss 9:35am Witness Reh. 8:30 & 9:35am Sunday School WELCA Bake Sale after services 1 Jr. High Youth Gathering returns 4:30pm SrHigh Mission Trip 6:30pm Holiday Basket Assembly Wreath Distribution	23 Pastors' Sabbath 7pm Boy Scouts <u>Rehearsals:</u> 7pm BELLievers 8pm Proclaim	24 9:45am Staff Mtg.	25 6:30am Men's Bible Study 7pm Community Thanksgiving Service at St. Francis No GoZone or YDT	26 Thanksgiving Office Closed	27 Office Closed 6pm Allen/Erickson wedding Reh	28 2:30pm Allen/Erickson wedding 3:30pm ReFuel Reh. 1st Communion Weekend 5pm Worship Service