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Disciples & Followers of Jesus,

“One brisk December night as I accompanied the president from the Oval Office in the West Wing of the White House, to the Residence, Mr. Nixon was musing about what people wanted in their leaders. He slowed a moment, looking into the distance across the South Lawn, and said, “The people really want a leader a little bigger than themselves, don’t they, Charles? There’s a certain aloofness, a power that’s excluded by great men that people feel and want to follow.”

But Jesus Christ exhibited none of this self-conscious aloofness. He served others first; he spoke to those to whom no one spoke; he dined with the lowest members of society; he touched the untouchables; he washed his servants’ feet. He had no throne, no crown, no bevy of servants or armored guards. A borrowed manger and a borrowed tomb framed his earthly life.

Kings and presidents and prime ministers surround themselves with minions who rush ahead, wing the doors wide, and stand at attention as they wait for the great to pass. Jesus said that he himself stands at the door and knocks, patiently waiting to enter our lives.”

- -Charles Colson
Kingdom’s In Conflict



Schedule of Worship Services for Christmas Eve Day

9:00 a.m. Scripture and Carols

5:30 p.m. Family Worship with Holy Communion

11:00 p.m. Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

A Closing Thought – *Except from “The Applause of Heaven” by Max Lucado*

“A small cathedral outside Bethlehem marks the supposed birthplace of Jesus. Behind a high altar in the church is a cave, a little cavern lit by silver lamps. You can enter the main edifice and admire the ancient church. You can also enter the quiet cave where a star embedded in the floor recognizes the birth of the King. There is one stipulations, however. You have to stoop. The door is so low you can’t go in standing up. The same is true of the Christ. You can see the world standing tall, but

. . .to witness the Savior, you have to get on your knees.”

*May you experience the true meaning of Christmas in all it’s
Glory. Wishing each of you a blessed Christmas and a
prosperous New Year.*

—Pastor Lee Uden

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ANGEL TREE PROJECT

We again have the opportunity to help others who are less fortunate have a happier holiday. The Angel Tree has been placed in the narthex. If you wish to help, select an "Angel" from the tree and sign the paper next to the corresponding number. Please return the wrapped package with the "Angel" attached by December 10. You are not expected to buy all the items listed. These gifts will be delivered by Angel Tree Project Team Members.



"Oh, No! Not Another Christmas Play" **Rehearsal Schedule**

12/06 Wed. 6:15pm Pre K—3rd Grade
7:15pm 4th Grade—Jr. High

12/09 Sat. 9:00am ALL Cast Rehearsal

12/16 Sat. 9:00am Dress Rehearsal ALL

12/17 Sun. 10:45am Christmas Program



ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS!

The Luther Memorial Scholarship Committee has updated scholarship applications available in the church office for the Spring, 2006 Semester. Students just beginning their college education as well as students continuing their education qualify. Repeat applicants are welcome, so if you received awards in the past, you also qualify. Applications are due in the church office no later than **January 14, 2006**. Award amounts vary based on number of applicants, and will differ for initial applicants and repeat applicants. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Amy Schmuck 224-3667 or Linda Waite 223-5259.



ATTENTION LMC MEMBERS!

The Luther Memorial Scholarship Committee intends to see the continuation of a scholarship fund for many years to come. This will not be possible without the continued raising of funds. If you have any interest in ensuring that LMC can continue to financially provide assistance to its college students, we need your help. Personal donations may be made to Luther Memorial Church and please designate for the Scholarship Fund. Also, your employers may be willing to make a matching gift. If you have any fundraising ideas or can provide assistance, please contact Amy Schmuck 224-3667 or Linda Waite 223-5259.

PLEASE CHANGE YOUR CHURCH DIRECTORY



Bill Machold	257-2291
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Dave Gilliland	316-3201
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2006 Christmas Message

ELCA Presiding Bishop Mark S. Hanson

"The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory....." (John 1:14).

We live in a visited world. On that holy night twenty centuries ago, God visited the world in the miracle of Bethlehem. Held in Mary's arms that night was the revelation of steadfast, unbounded love for all humanity. The birth of

Jesus disclosed God's saving will and eternal desire for reconciliation and peace.

In this season of Christmas, we encounter again Jesus, sent from God for our salvation. As the Word is proclaimed in both simple buildings and cathedrals of grandeur, we receive the good news of God's love in Christ Jesus for the whole earth. We witness the mystery of rebirth in the waters of Baptism and rejoice as new ones are embraced by the community of faith. As bread is broken and wine poured in the Eucharist, we give thanks for the real presence of Christ in our midst.

We gather with the whole Church for the celebration of our Lord's Nativity. In our gathering, however, we hear the sounds of discord throughout the world. From divisions caused by walls of separation, from the struggles of many for survival from disasters, devastation, hunger, and poverty, from the dread of rampant disease and the spread of HIV and AIDS, from war and the threat of war, even with nuclear weapons, from broken relationships in homes and hostilities within communities and countries, we seek rescue. We yearn for the gracious, healing, and reconciling Word of the Prince of Peace.

We hear the angel say, "Do not be afraid." With that message of courage, we realize as believers that we are never alone. We have been claimed by God and made a part of the household of faith.

So we join with the whole Church on earth, lifting our voices with renewed hope. In so doing, we join the grand anthem:
Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king....

The Rev. Mark S. Hanson
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Scheduling/Processing Changes</u></p> <p><u>Announcements accepted for the bulletin until 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays.</u></p> <p>The Chimes for now will continue with the 15th of the month deadline</p> <p>Thank you for your patience as we try to arrange scheduling and processing The Chimes and weekly bulletins.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>FELLOWSHIP</u></p> <p><u>Ladies' Fellowship Meetings</u> December 13 Daughters of Ruth (12:00 noon) December 13 WICKS (11:30 am) December 21 Katie's Ladies (6:30 pm)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Men's Fellowship Meetings</u> December 7 Men's Breakfast at Hy-Vee</p> <p><u>Youth Group</u> 7:00 pm Each Wednesday in December</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Adult Bible Study</u> Wednesdays 9:30 am</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>EVANGELISM MINUTE</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>December Visitation Teams</u></p> <p>December 3 Linda Schuttler December 10 Ron & Mary Jo Dedert December 17 Mark & Sandy Cassens December 24 Les & Linda Sachs</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>CHOIR REHEARSALS</u> <u>EACH WEDNESDAY</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bell Choir 5:00 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Adult Choir 7:00 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lorraine Wickman - Director</p>	<p><u>MEN'S BREAKFAST</u> Thurs. December 7 8:00 am at Hy-Vee</p> <hr/> <p><u>DAUGHTERS OF RUTH</u> Wed. December 13, 12:00 noon Carolyn Witsken is hostess for our December meeting. We will have a carry-in lunch.</p> <hr/> <p><u>WICKS</u> Tues. December 13, 11:30 am. We will meet at Spring Lake. Barbara Cookson is hostess.</p> <hr/> <p><u>KATIE'S LADIES</u> will meet on December 21, 6:30 pm in the home of Linda Waite, 2220 Sunny Lane. All should come prepared to share their Favorite Christmas tradition. The menu is soup and dessert. Please let Linda know which you are bringing.</p> <p>December Flower coordinator: Linda Waite</p> <p>Katie's Ladies does have a prayer chain. If you have a request please contact Carolyn Witsken at 223-3948.</p> <p>All women are invited.</p>





Birthdays

12/1 Kelsey Gallaher
 12/2 Cory Booher
 12/3 Katie Albsmeyer
 12/4 Michael Smith (28th Street)
 Donald Bridgman
 12/5 Tonya Fisher
 Tammy Hildebrand
 12/7 Greg Cain
 12/8 James Hamby
 Michael Smith (22nd Street)
 12/9 Curt Lauder
 12/10 Lois I. Lepper
 Gregory Cassens
 Skyler Durbin
 12/11 Sandra Cassens
 12/13 Joey Buczko
 12/15 Dorothy Spratt
 Jerry Durbin
 Matthew Koehn
 James Hinkamper
 12/16 Beth Boster
 Jeff Spear
 Jessica Hinkamper
 12/18 R. Eloise Heidbreder
 12/20 Richard Moore
 12/22 Nancy Gallaher
 12/24 Roy Rosendale
 12/25 Delors Wingerter
 12/26 Edward Obrock
 Craig Laurich
 Donald Waldrop, Jr.
 12/27 Theresa Spear
 Ray Gallaher
 12/28 Keely Turner

Kristi Turner
 Ashley Smith
 Hailey Laurich
 12/29 Gerald Pratt
 Kathy Albsmeyer
 Nicholas Wiskirchen
 Zachary Foote
 12/30 Maggie Gilliland
 12/31 Wes Rampley



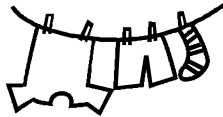

Anniversaries

12/2 Fred & Carolyn Lauder
 12/14 Joe & Corrine Sutcliffe
 12/17 Pastor & Linda Uden
 12/18 Ken & Carolyn Laurich
 12/20 Jim & Mary Clark
 12/22 Arthur & Lois I. Lepper
 12/23 John & Eleanor Spurrier
 12/24 Richard & Vi Paul
 James & Karen Daugherty
 12/25 George & Chris Black



It came upon a
midnight clear

November 2006 Highlights

<p><u>“Oh, No! Not Another Christmas Play!”</u></p> <p>Casting call was sounded October 25th for the Sunday School Christmas Program with rehearsals beginning that evening also.</p> <p>“Oh, No! Not Another Christmas Play!” will be performed at 10:45 a.m., Sunday, December 17th.</p> <p>Plan on joining us for worship on the 17th.</p>	<p>FROM THE PROPERTY TEAM</p> <p>Snow Removal Teams are in place. Each member of the 3 teams has been given a schedule of the weeks their team is responsible.</p> <p>Thank you to all who signed up to help with this task.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">--Dave Gilliland</p>																		
<p>Churches Visited By Our Members</p> <p><u>Pastor & Mrs. Jan Bengtson:</u> 11/5 Messiah Lutheran, Henderson Grove, IL Guest Pastor 11/5 Zion Lutheran, Henderson, IL Guest Pastor 11/12 Zion Lutheran, Kewanee, IL Guest Pastor</p> <p><u>Mr. & Mrs. Tom Buffington:</u> 9/24 Pawnee United Methodist Church, Pawnee, IL</p> <p><u>Mr. Harry Cline:</u> 10/1, 11/5 Immaculate Conception, Arnold, MO 10/15 St. Francis de Sales Catholic, Lebanon, MO 10/22 The Church of Holy Apostles, McHenry, IL 10/29 St. John’s Lutheran, Arnold, MO</p> <p><u>Mr. & Mrs. Rich Demien:</u> 10/29 Fourth Presbyterian, Chicago, IL</p> <p><u>Mr. & Mrs. Bob Kanoy:</u> 10/22, 11/5 Christian Fellowship, Evansville, IN</p> <p><u>Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Spear:</u> 10/29 Fourth Presbyterian, Chicago, IL</p> <p><u>Mr. & Mrs. Gus Traeder:</u> 10/29, 11/5 The Village Church, St. Augustine, FL</p>	<div></div> <p>Clothes Closet</p> <p>The Clothes Closet wishes to thank everyone who has donated items or money to our ever growing ministry.</p> <p>We are open Tuesday mornings 9:00 am to 11:00 am.</p> <p>Tuesday morning totals for the past 3 months are</p> <table><tr><td>September</td><td>88 families</td></tr><tr><td>October</td><td>136 families</td></tr><tr><td>November</td><td>120 families</td></tr></table> <p>Many families use this resource as well as area caseworkers and the public school system. Your continued support is very much appreciated.</p> <p>Items needed are:</p> <table><tr><td>Hats</td><td>Gloves</td><td>Mittens</td><td>Socks</td></tr><tr><td>Men’s jeans</td><td colspan="3">Men’s long sleeve shirts (all sizes)</td></tr><tr><td>Underwear</td><td colspan="3">toys (in good shape)</td></tr></table> <div></div> <p style="text-align: right;">Thank you Mike & Jan Smith</p>	September	88 families	October	136 families	November	120 families	Hats	Gloves	Mittens	Socks	Men’s jeans	Men’s long sleeve shirts (all sizes)			Underwear	toys (in good shape)		
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December Worship Schedule & Events

Saturday – December 2

5:30 pm Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday – December 3

8:30 am Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

9:35 am Sunday School (Regular Class)

10:45 am Contemporary **Worship**

Wednesday – December 6

6:15 pm Rehearsal Pre K-3rd Grade

7:15 pm Rehearsal for 4th Grade – Jr. High

Saturday – December 9

9:00 am Rehearsal (ALL Cast)

5:30 pm Traditional Worship

Sunday – December 10

8:30 am Traditional Worship

9:35 am Program Music practice (no classes)

10:45 am Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion

Saturday – December 16

9:00 am All Cast Dress Rehearsal

5:30 pm Traditional Worship

Sunday – December 17

8:30 am Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

9:35 am Opening & Program Preparation

10:45 pm Christmas Program Presentation

Saturday – December 23

No Chapel Worship Service

Sunday – December 24

9:00 am Scriptures & Carols

No Sunday School

5:30 pm Family Christmas Eve Service
With Holy Communion

11:00 pm Candlelight Service with Holy Communion

Saturday – December 30

5:30 pm Traditional Worship

Sunday – December 31

8:30 pm Youth Sunday

9:35 am Holiday Weekend/Combined Sunday School

10:45 am Youth Sunday