



GOOD NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH

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Sunday January 22, 2012

9:30 A.M.
WORSHIP SERVICE

11:00 A.M.
Church School for all ages

Sunday January 29, 2012

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Church School for all ages

12:00 P.M.
Annual Meeting

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on Sunday, January 29 at 12:00 p.m. The purpose of the Meeting is to receive the 2011 Annual Reports and approve the Terms of Call for the Pastor. The Meeting will begin with lunch and be concluded no later than 1:00 p.m. All members are reminded to be present for this important meeting of the church.



ADVENT JARS OF JOY: Don't forget to bring in all your change from Advent so we can send it to World Vision. Bring the change (or a check for the total) to the church A.S.A.P., and put it in the bin in the Chapel. Please make checks out to the church. Thanks for your donation!

A CHURCH FOR ALL SEASONS

One of my favorite plays is Robert Bolt's 1961 A Man For All Seasons. It is about the soon-to-be-martyred Sir Thomas More and his relationship with King Henry VIII of England. Amidst their "sparrings" in the play are glimpses of More's admonitions to a variety of people reminding them to be aware of their surroundings and the opportunities which present themselves daily.

In reading again my yellowed brown copy the other day, the title of this Newsletter came to mind. It did not do so because I felt the imminent awareness of martyrdom on the part of any Staff member, but because I thought of our church and the members of this congregation and the ministries which applied to those people in many seasons of their life and their walk with Christ.

I thought of the Baptisms and the families and friends who visit our church for this most important day. I knew that some of these visitors might never again grace our doors; but that we could leave a message of love and caring for them on that day, one that they could carry wherever they went and, hopefully, feel that they were always welcome back.

I thought of the Children's Messages, the look on their faces and their often unfiltered responses which bring all of us joy and the feeling that how wonderful it is to be in worship with them. I thought of those children also, who were now growing in the church, becoming involved in Youth Groups and missions and the commitments they are making to Christ. I thought, as well, of some of the adolescents and young adults who had drifted away in recent years and how we might reach out to them in prayer.

I thought of all those who are involved in any form of ministry and how extensive that list is. I thought of those with doubts; those facing personal and family struggles; and the effort it must take for them to sometimes just get here. I thought of those who are facing the battles affiliated with aging and how many face it with dignity and resolve. I thought of those who had lost loved ones and the grief and sadness which still permeated each day of their life. I thought of those

facing life-threatening illness and the incredible faith they have in their God.

Let us always keep each other in our thoughts and prayers, knowing that the seasons of our life bring change and adaptation. Let us do so, for we are the Church, a church of God and a church of God's love as we serve others – truly a church for all seasons.

Milt Fredericks
Lay Minister of Congregational Care



LENT

Mark your calendars now:

Ash Wednesday Service
February 22, 2012
St. Stephen's Lutheran Church
7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Lenten Study
February 29,
March 7, 14, 21, 28,
and April 4

5:30 p.m.
Open Door Soup Supper
6:30 – 7 p.m.
Interactive Worship Time
held at the
Woodbury Presbyterian Church
7:00 p.m.

G.W.C.M. Lenten Study
held at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church
Sponsored by the Greater Woodbury
Cooperative Ministries

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SAVE THE DATES:

Dessert Night: February 21 Shrove Tuesday feasting before the fasting of Lent, 7-8 P.M. Bring a dessert to share and/or something to dip in the chocolate fountain!

Open Door: Starting Ash Wednesday, February 22, there will be soup suppers each Wednesday in Lent from 5:30-6:15 and then an interactive worship time from 6:30-7. Adults will then go to St. Stephen's Lutheran Church for the lesson, and Club J and the Senior Highs will stay here (7-8 P.M.).

Women's Retreat: On March 2 (Friday evening) and March 3 (Saturday morning), women of the church are invited to answer the question, Who's Queen of What? Are you the culinary queen or the queen of leftovers? The queen of the house or the queen of the housework? The queen of diamonds or the queen of spades? Join us all for some fun and spiritual uplift, a lit-and-latte discussion, some good food and great fellowship. Read the book *The Help* (or see the movie) by March 2. It will be our lit for the latte discussion.

G.W.C.M. VBS: The community Bible school will be held here July 23-27.

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES:
Anyone may join the classes listed here at any time. They meet Sunday mornings at 11:00.

• **Bible Basics:** Discussion class led by Charles Miller on Romans. The class meets in room 1.

• **Feasting on the Word:** The Bible passages from the Sunday sermon enhanced, enlarged, and discussed. Each Sunday is a standalone lesson, so come when the sermon passage challenges or confuses you. Led by Milt Fredericks, Laraine Knauss, Phil Oehler, and Judy Platt in rotation. The class meets in the Prayer room (#16).

• **Foundations of Faith:** A DVD-based study led by David Platt. The class meets in the Lounge.

• **Bi-Monthly Small Group:** Meets in Room 13 and is led by Wally and Marge Minnich.

Small Groups: There are 8 small groups with over 80 people participating. There are a variety of books being used and a variety of days and times that each group meets. All are listed on the chart in the Chapel. Anyone is welcome to join a group.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS: An Inquirer's Class will be held on Saturday, February 11 at 9:00 a.m. If you are interested in learning more about the church or joining, please contact the Church Office at (856) 845-1244.



THE SOUPER BOWL OF CARING will take place on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 5. Following worship, students will hold large soup pots to take donations. The idea behind this fundraiser is that as we watch the biggest football game of the year, we tend to stuff our faces with delicious finger food while people in our own town barely have a bowl of soup. All money donated goes to the Greater Woodbury Cooperative Ministries Food Bank, so be sure to bring your change and cash that day!

2012 OFFERING ENVELOPES are in the Chapel. Please pick up your box. The first offering envelope in the box is for the Per Capita offering. This offering of \$37.00 per person (\$74.00 per couple) helps offset the Per Capita Apportionment. If each member donates their share, over \$16,000 would be freed up for church programs and Mission use.

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Steve Danforth (1/22) and Rick Gabler (1/29)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Emma Mustard in Cooper Hospital, Woody Backensto in Manor Care; Joe Welch, Sally Love, Beverly Rosell, and Hope Blasko. A reminder to keep our military personnel in your prayers, including JJ Cunningham, Wesley Tatham, Nathaniel Bratt, Rob Chance, Dave Wietz, and Clayton Kelly.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: JANUARY 22 - 28, 2012

Sunday	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Children's Choir
	11:00 AM	Church School for all ages
Monday:	10:00 AM	Bible Study at Pitman Manor
	7:00 PM	Deacons
Wednesday:	5:30 PM	Club J
	6:00 PM	Sr. High Youth Service Project

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Sunday:	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Children's Choir
	11:00 AM	Church School for all ages
	12:00 PM	Annual Congregational Meeting
Wednesday:	5:30 PM	Club J & Sr. High Youth Group
Sunday:	9:30 AM	Worship Service/Communion <i>Souper Bowl of Caring</i>
	10:45 AM	Children's Choir
	11:00 AM	Church School for all ages

