

# The “Visitor”

JANUARY  
2015

*“Joyfully, we invite and equip all people to share Christ’s love”*  
The Mission Statement of Ascension Lutheran Church.

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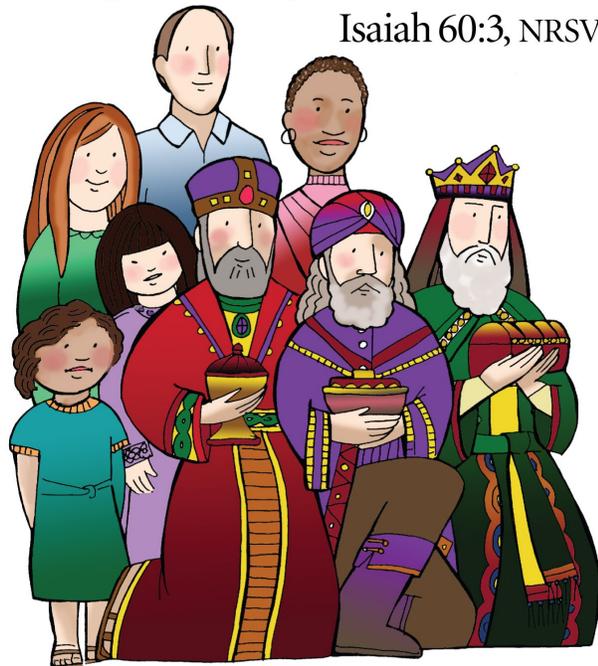
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**Please note the next Council  
Meeting will be held on  
Sunday, January 11th.**

*Nations shall come to your  
light, and kings to the  
brightness of your dawn.*

Isaiah 60:3, NRSV



## Your Church Council

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The council usually meets the third Sunday of each month at 8:00 AM.  
You are welcome to attend.



A happy and blessed New Year to everyone! I know that Christmas is barely over with and many still have their trees up! However – Easter is not far off! - And with that the season of Lent, beginning with our observance of Ash Wednesday! In fact Ash Wednesday is on February 18<sup>th</sup> this year. We will hold Worship that Wednesday as usual at 7PM. Since it is also the night of Community Dinner, we will not hold a soup supper, but enjoy the fruits of fellowship and food with the Open Table Dinner.

We will however be observing Lent with a worship each Wednesday evening at 7PM between Lent up to Holy Week. We have not done this at Ascension in several years. From Ash Wednesday through Easter we will be focusing on “Parables”. I invite you to consider joining us each Wednesday from Ash Wednesday through Holy Week!

We are considering providing a simple soup supper prior to each Lenten Wednesday Worship. We are looking for volunteers to make a soup for each week (5 weeks in all). If you would be willing to provide a soup please sign up on the sheet posted on the table outside the sanctuary. Breads will be provided. Final plans will be forthcoming based on volunteers! I hope you will make time to be a part of the Lenten worship walk this season!

On another note – This year’s newsletter articles from me are going to take a different focus. Late last year a number of people were asking me questions about various Lutheran understandings of scripture/activities/doctrine, etc. 2 or 3 of the questions were focused on our understanding of baptism, specifically about whether baptism was necessary for salvation. As a result, I intent to humbly provide **some** answers to the questions over the next year with the help of various Lutheran resources as well. If you have a question, please email me, or let me know. Perhaps the answers will appear in a future newsletter. So here is the first:

Question: ***Will a person go to hell, just because they are not baptized?***

Generally speaking, Lutherans believe that scripture Bible teaches that a person is saved by God’s grace alone through faith in Jesus Christ alone. The Bible tells us that such “faith comes by hearing” (Rom. 10:17). Baptism is 1 of the 2 sacraments we observe. For Lutherans, what makes up a sacrament are 3 things: Jesus commands it, the use of earthly elements, and a free gift is given (forgiveness). Jesus Himself commands Baptism and tells us that Baptism is water used together with the Word of God (Matt. 28:19-20). So Lutherans believe that Baptism is one of the miraculous means of grace (the other is Holy Communion), through which God creates and/or strengthens the gift of faith in a person’s heart (see Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21; Gal. 3:26-27; Rom. 6:1-4; Col. 2:11-12; 1 Cor. 12.13).

Some of the language the Bible uses to talk about the beginning of faith includes “conversion” and “regeneration.” Although we do not claim to understand fully (and by the way, no one does) how this happens, we believe that when an infant is baptized God creates faith in the heart of that infant. We believe this because the Bible says that infants can believe (Matt. 18:6) and that new birth (regeneration) happens in Baptism (John 3:5-7; Titus 3:5-6). Of course the infant’s faith cannot yet be verbally expressed or articulated by the child, yet it is real and present all the same (see e.g., Acts 2:38-39; Luke 1:15; 2 Tim. 3:15). The faith of the infant, like the faith of adults, also needs to be fed and nurtured by God’s Word (Matt. 28:18-20), or it will die. (The purpose of parents and “Godparents”!



Lutherans do not believe that only those baptized as infants receive faith. Faith can also be created in a person's heart by the power of the Holy Spirit working through God's (written or spoken) Word. Many examples of this are found in scripture – the Ethiopian traveling with Philip in Acts 8 – the criminal hanging on the cross in Luke 23:39-43

One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"<sup>40</sup> But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same

sentence? <sup>41</sup> We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."<sup>42</sup> Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."<sup>43</sup> Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

While as Lutherans, we typically baptize infants – in adults we often see evidence of God working faith in them which brings about a desire to be baptized. Baptism should then soon follow conversion for the purpose of confirming and strengthening faith in accordance with God's command and promise. Depending on the situation, therefore, Lutherans baptize people of all ages from infancy to adulthood.

Typically, Lutheran teaching **does not** believe that Baptism is ABSOLUTELY necessary for salvation. We would say in truth that the work of Jesus on the cross was sufficient that all true believers in the Old Testament era were saved without baptism. **Mark 16:16** – "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned," implies that it is not the absence of Baptism that condemns a person but the absence of faith, and there are clearly other ways of coming to faith by the power of the Holy Spirit (reading or hearing the Word of God). Still, we are called as followers not to look down on or willfully neglect baptism, since it is explicitly commanded by God and has His precious promises attached to it. Baptism is not merely a "ritual" or "symbol," but a powerful means of grace by which God grants faith and the forgiveness of sins. So – perhaps in a future newsletter we will discuss – "What is Baptism?" Class, Dismissed! Please feel free to send in those questions!

Janitor/Pastor Jon

CHURCH NEWS

*Thank You*

*Kathy and I would like to thank all of you for the many cards and well wishes over the Christmas season. We Thank God for you in our lives and count each of you as a blessing! May God's Peace dwell richly within you in the New Year!*

*Pastor Jon & Kathy Paquette*

**Welcome**

**New Member**

**Heidi Schmidt** was born and raised in Bonduel. She recently moved to the Black Creek area with fiancé Dan Flannery. They are planning to be married at Ascension on March 2015.

Heidi enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, gardening and traveling.

## MAILBOX



Thank you Ascension members!

So many cool things have been happening for our family. Thank you to those who sold and made pizzas. Thank you to Jessica Conradt and Covey for creating the window clings. Thank you to the group of gals meeting to plan the benefit for April 19th. Thank you to those who have made food for us. Thank you to those who have sent cards and well wishes. We are truly grateful for all of the kindness shown.

An update on Mackenzie: The tumor is shrinking!!! Chemotherapy which is being done at St. Vincent's hospital will be finishing up in early January. Then we will head to Milwaukee for surgery to remove what is left of the tumor. Depending on the results of the surgery, that will determine her next course of treatments.

In between chemotherapy, we have had numerous blood and platelet transfusions and battled an infection.

We are so proud of her! Mackenzie's determination and strength are phenomenal. She loves her Jesus and he gives her the strength she needs. Our motto has become Philippians 4:6 "Don't worry about everything: instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank Him for all He has done."

God Bless,  
Scott, Dawn, Mackenzie and Mason.

*Dear Ascension Members*

*Thank You so much for your generous donation from the Deer Hunter Service to the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry. It is greatly appreciated. Thanks again for your thoughtfulness.*

*Sincerely,  
The Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry.*



Thank you to everyone who helped put up the Church Christmas tree and decorate it.

## THANK YOU'S



A good time was had by all who attended the Golden Age Party.

Thanks to everyone who donated food or other items for the party and a big thank you goes out to the ladies who helped in the kitchen. I also want to thank all the seniors who donated food or money for the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry.

We now have the motion activated towel dispensers installed thanks to Pastor Jon and Dave Rohrer



### DONATIONS      DONATIONS

Thank you to Cindy Garrigan for the case of paper towels for our new towel dispensers. to Stacey Homan for the boxes of paper plates and napkins and to Dennis Fuerst for the realms of white copy paper.

Thanks to everyone who donated baked goods for the Skate with Mackenzie fundraiser. The Hockey Moms were very appreciative for all the bakery.



The Christmas treat bags for the Sunday School children were filled by Rita Olson and Patty Lorenz and her girls. Thanks for purchasing the items and filling the bags.

As always the Christmas Program was a big success. This does not happen without all the hard work of the people who plan, set up and volunteer to be part of this production. Thank you for another great program. Also thanks to everyone who brought cupcakes.



# Church Chat

from the Church Lady



Well December certainly was a busy month here at church. We had the Blessing of the Quilts that the ladies made, The Golden Age Party, the donation of gifts for SafeHaven Domestic Violence Shelter, the pizza making fundraiser for Mackenzie, candy making and caroling with the youth, the Sunday School Christmas program and the Christmas Eve services. With all that going on, it is understandable that I had an eventful December. Speaking of eventful, I think most of you have heard of the movie "Bill and Ed's Excellent Adventure", well this is about Bonnie and Heather's Excellent Adventure. While we did not time travel we did travel throughout the greater Green Bay area. You see we had to purchase items for the December 12<sup>th</sup> Pizza making day at Church. So off we went to Green Bay with Toni's car. (That's another story, but Heather borrowed it.) Now Toni's car is a 4 cylinder Saturn Ion which served us well. We made several stops to pick up pizza rounds, gloves and food to serve the pizza makers on Saturday. Here is where our adventure gets interesting. Heather knew that Woodman's had cases of water on sale and thought it would be a good idea as long as we were in Green Bay to pick it up for the Dingeldein Benefit in April. I looked at the back seat of the trusted blue Ion and said I didn't think we could fit much more back there. The trunk was already full with what we had purchased plus several canvas chairs we didn't expect to see in there. Heather was sure we could fit at least ten (yes TEN) cases of water in the back seat. I said I suppose we could if I put one on my lap but I wasn't going to do that but I did offer to hold a cardboard case of pizza rounds. I bet her it couldn't be done. Well two shopping carts later with our water all in the backseat and the doors barely shutting, we were on our way with nothing sitting on my lap. Too bad Heather didn't take me up on the bet. Well given the weight of our load it felt like we were in a ghetto cruiser with our front end up higher than the back. Thank God that little Ion had good shocks. I cautioned Heather to slow down on the curves for fear of doing a one sided wheelie. Yeah she didn't listen. My biggest fear was yet to come; we had to get up the hill on Hwy 156. I did offer to push but like the little engine that could we s l o w l y made it up the hill and safely to our destination. Well that was enough excitement for me for that day. So ends the tale of Bonnie and Heather's Excellent Adventure.



This little adventure reminded of the Christmas song "The Twelve Days of Christmas". I call it the Twelfth of December.

On the Twelfth of December we took **one** Blue Saturn Ion with **two** willing workers to **three** planned destinations. We found **four** canvas chairs in the trunk when we put in the **five** special treats for the pizza makers lunch. After purchasing **six** packages of pizza rounds and **seven** boxes of gloves, I noticed **eight** odd items of Toni's filling up the car (these included water bottles, boots, ice scraper, scraps of paper, etc.). **Nine** minutes to four o'clock we were on our way to Navarino with our **ten** cases water, when we reached the Navarino Hill on Hwy 156. We pushed the pedal to the metal and went up the hill at **11** miles per hour, to reach our final destination all on the **twelfth** of December.

Hope all of you are keeping warm this January and I hope that my husband made enough firewood this year to last until May!

*Bonnie*  
Church Lady

# ASSISTING MINISTERS

January 2015	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Helper	Readers	Money Counters
January 4 9:30 am	Al Meiers & Lon Hilliker	Ed & Patty Lorenz	Ralph Mueller	Dave Klemp	Jim & Alice Mueller
January 11 9:30 am	Glen Peebles & Dave Klemp	Doug & Julie Wilber	Arnie Kloes	Ralph Mueller	Arnie & Carol Kloes
January 18 9:30 am	Arnie Kloes & Jim Mueller	Allen & Judy Porter	Julie Wilber	Mark Mueller	Glen Peebles
January 25 9:30 am	Jean Conradt Joy Daebler	Al & Ruthann Meiers	Judy Porter	Shelly Klemp	Phyllis Peebles

If you would like to help out with any of the above tasks, please call the church office (715-758-8312) and we will add your name to the list. If you are unable to be here on the date you are assigned, please find a replacement. Thank you.



## DATE

## NAME

01/02	Jim Johnson
01/04	Courtney Olson
01/11	Sarah Wilber
01/15	Helga Kuhnke
01/15	Xander Pues
01/16	David Ort
01/17	David Richter
01/17	Dean Hillsberg
01/19	Lon Hilliker
01/20	Hayden Ehrle
01/21	Llewellyn Erb
01/21	Jack Johnson
01/22	Sue Olson
01/22	Lois Rohrer
01/22	Jeanne Reese
01/24	Merle Olson
01/25	Beck Pues
01/25	Anthony Mitchell
01/27	Gregg Christianson
01/29	Jodi Hoberg
01/31	Jon Paquette



**December Benevolence  
went to Habitat for  
Humanity  
Wolf River Chapter**

## COUNCIL MINUTES

### Ascension Lutheran Church Council Meeting December 14, 2014

Attendance: Pastor Jon Paquette, Al Meiers, John Wudtke, Dave Rohrer, Darrel Klemp, Lisa Wollenberg, Dennis Fuerst. Guests: Arnie Kloes, Rita Olson.

Meeting was called to order at 8:06 AM by President Klemp. Pastor Jon led a devotion entitled "The Touch of Jesus".

Minutes of the November Meeting were approved as published. Motion by Wudtke, second by Wollenberg. Motion passed.

Pastor Jon presented his monthly report. CHRISTMAS SERVICES will be held on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>. at 4 PM and 7 PM. Planning ahead – Lenten Services will be on Wednesday nights, 7 PM, during Lent. Ash Wednesday is February 18<sup>th</sup>. Pastor will be exploring the possibility of having a "Soup Supper" for after the service. BIBLE STUDIES – On January 20<sup>th</sup> Pastor will begin a 12 week study "On the Victory over Darkness". Classes are usually at 9:00 AM Tuesday mornings and 6:30 PM evenings.

Treasurer's Report – Dennis presented the report. Currently there is an anticipated deficit projected for the year end. Several new accounts will be added to allow for various donation funds. Motion by Meiers, second by Rohrer, motion approved.

Committee Reports – Property Committee – Darrel reported that we have received an anonymous donation request to replace the flooring in the kitchen.

Youth Group – The group has made 584 pizzas for Mackenzie, and are starting a Christmas candy sale today.

Old Business –

Community Dinners – continue to progress well and it seems there is added attendance. Good news!

Storage Building Update – progress has been slow lately. If things don't progress shortly it may be necessary to get a group together to finish the siding.

New Business-

Council nominations – 3 positions are becoming available. Two of the current Officers currently serving have agreed to remain (Dave & Darrel), Al Meiers will not be seeking re-election. If you are interested in serving please contact Rita Olson (920-525-4283) or the Church Office (715-758-8312). This is your chance to participate in the governance of your Church.

Youth Room – The Youth are requesting the use of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday School room for their use. They have asked that they could "personalize" the room by hand painting the ceiling tile. Council granted their request.

2015 Budget Discussions – Motion by Darrel, second by Lisa to withdraw the 2014 earnings from the InFaith Community Foundation Fund by the Treasurer and place in the general fund to be used specifically to offset pastor's housing allowance in 2015, or extraordinary outreach efforts. This is permissible by the Congregational Bylaws. Motion was approved.

**Annual Meeting** – Scheduled for **1-18-15** after regular service.

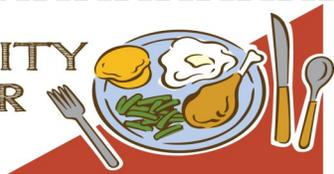
Focus on energy – Council has in the past discussed the conversion of our lighting fixtures to save energy & cost. We were notified by FOCUS on Energy that for a one-time payment of \$129 they will contract to have up to 25 fixtures installed in the Church. This payment includes the cost of the fixtures and the installation. This would save the congregation several thousand dollars for both fixtures and labor necessary for the installation. Motion by Rohrer, second by Meiers to accept. Motion approved.

Next Council Meeting: scheduled for 1-11-15 at 8:00 AM. (Note the change of date)

Motion for Adjournment at 9:32 AM by Wudtke, second by Meiers, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted;  
David Rohrer, Secretary

## COMMUNITY DINNER



The next Community Dinner will be  
Wednesday, January 21st  
at 5:30 PM.

This will be a Soup Supper.

We are looking for donations of small sandwiches (such as egg, ham salad, cheese or your favorite), cheese and sausage, crackers, breads and desserts.

A sign up sheet is on the table by the library.

For more information contact Judy, Glen or Phyllis.

Everyone is welcome



## Praise with Passion!

Sundays January 4th, 11th, and 18th at 6:00 pm

(Fellowship Hour begins at 5:00 pm)

(Gathering for informal, spirit-filled praise and prayer)

Please listen for announcements at church or call Toni (715-853-9461) or Sue (715-758-8115 or 715-853-6272) to be sure we are meeting.

Location: Ascension Lutheran Church  
The 'Church on the Corner'  
3 miles west of Navarino on Hwy 156



## Dartball Schedule

Mondays at 7:30 pm  
For the Month of January

January 5th            Bye

January 12th  
Black Creek UCC @ Ascension

January 19th  
Ascension @ Seymour United Methodist

January 26th  
Oneida United Methodist @ Ascension



## Update on Church Shed

The building is now 85 to 90% complete with just gables and trim work to be done by Greg Brown, the instructor of the Shawano High School class that built the shed. Dave Rohrer would like to thank the guys that came out on Saturday, December 20th and worked toward completing the shed.



## New Home Devotionals

For January, February and March are now available.

They are located on the table by the Library.

There is a box for a monetary donation if you wish to contribute toward the cost of the book.

# Youth News

## Forward-Youth Group

**Every Wednesday**

**FORWARD 6:30pm until 7:30pm.**

This program is for High School and College aged Students .

### COMING JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2015 – A NEW BOOK STUDY “VICTORY OVER THE DARKNESS”



In January we will begin a new series based on the book, “Victory Over The Darkness,” written by Neal Anderson. This will be an intensive 12 week study guiding us to realize the power of our identity in Christ! In it we will come to understand who we are in Christ, work towards becoming the spiritual

person that God wants us to be, find freedom from old emotional wounds, past relationships, and pain – learning to grow in God’s grace, become free as children of God and growing together with other believers!

This class will be held twice per week - Tuesday mornings at 9:00 AM and Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM. Both the book and workbook will be needed for this intensive study of scripture. Class will typically run 1-1/2 hours per session. If you miss the morning session of a particular week feel free to join us in the evening.

Homework will be involved for this exciting study so be sure to purchase your material at least a week before the first class. During class, we will see a follow-up video from Neal Anderson on that week’s topic and then discuss our work.

The book – “Victory Over the Darkness” is \$10.00

Workbook - \$10.00

So – if you dare to experience freedom in Christ please sign up soon!

There will be a sign up sheet on the table outside the sanctuary!

Moneys are payable to Bonnie or Pastor Jon!

### ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

**The Ascension Lutheran Church annual meeting will be held after worship on Sunday January 18th.**

**If you have any suggestions for Benevolence giving please let Darrel Klemp or Pastor Jon know.**



# Via de Cristo News

Everyone is invited to join us  
You are welcome to share in our celebration of God's Love

Everyone is invited to join us for our upcoming **Ultreya Gathering** on January 24, 2015. Our Guest Speaker for the evening is Pastor Paul Pienciekowski, he will be speaking on Prayer, Healing and the Love of God. We will begin our Pot Luck meal at 5 pm, Worship and Prayer at 6 pm and fellowship time after the service. Please consider joining us.

The spring weekends are set! Are you interested in attending a 3 day *Walk with Christ*? If you are, please contact Pastor Jon, Kay or Dennis.

### Dates to Remember

Ultreya Gathering, Saturday January 24<sup>th</sup>

5:00 pm Pot Luck Meal

6:00 pm Worship and Prayer Service

SonRise #91 Men's Weekend

2/26/15 - 3/1/15

SonRise #92 Women's Weekend

3/5/15 - 3/8/15

Northern Light #33 and #34 Weekend

3/12/15 - 3/15/15

*Sunday Morning Grouping will resume in February*



The Champions of Prayer are waiting to pray for your concerns. If you would like to share a confidential prayer request with a small group of fellow Christians who are willing and waiting to pray for your concerns, please take a moment and let us know how we can help. Please briefly list your concern, request or praise below. Your request will remain confidential, no need to even sign your name. Place the form in with your offering, give it to Pastor Jon or to Kay Fuerst.

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**Jonathan & Theresa Baldwin**

*Intercessory Missionaries*

*International House of Prayer Kansas City*



*Ministry Update*

November 2014

*We still need \$351 for our trip to Haiti, \$200 for lodging is due this week. Would you join us in laboring to see Jesus glorified in the nation of Haiti?*

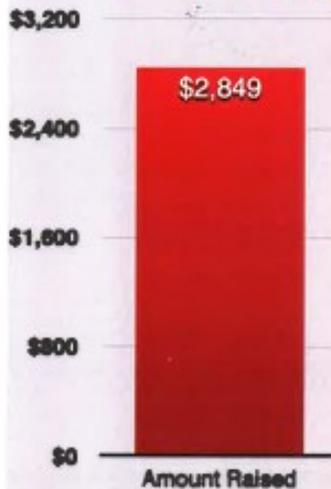
## Bringing Light to the Darkness

### *Meeting Not Just Physical but Eternal Needs*

One of our weekly highlights is Tuesdays when we get to minister in the inner city at IHOPKC's ministry called Hope City. There is something so wonderful about being able to sing and pray over the people in the room. We love being in the inner city asking God to bring light changing the dark atmosphere of the inner city.

Last year at Hope City, we served 78,000 plates of food. We are committed to meeting the physical needs of the poor. However, we love that we aren't just meeting practical needs but are meeting the deeper spiritual and eternal needs of the inner city. We are reminded of the verses in John 6 about laboring for food that endures to everlasting and that Jesus is the true Bread from Heaven, the Bread of Life. Jesus was not rejecting works of justice, rather, He was encouraging us to seek Him first, care most about the eternal state of our soul, and keep the secondary things in second place. Even if we meet a practical need of a person, that person will eventually still die. Yet, if we do works of justice paired with making Jesus known and for the sake of revealing Jesus, we give a person the most precious gift- eternal life and the knowledge of God.

### Funds Needed for Haiti Missions Trip



### 30 Days of 30 Second Prayers for Haiti

We help manage our Haitian Pearl's Facebook page. One of the recent ways we have mobilized prayer for

Haiti is through a 30-day prayer initiative encouraging people to schedule 30 seconds to pray for Haiti. Short 30-second prayers prayed throughout the day are powerful and effective. Furthermore, we are likely to pray more if it is scheduled. Of course if a day is missed, we can just push delete and move on, and it doesn't mean we can't pray other times than our scheduled

time or pray longer than our scheduled time. However, scheduling time to pray is a great launching pad to a strong prayer life. Through prayer, our hearts are changed and we get God's heart for what we are praying for. One thing God did in our heart during the 30-days was to remind us that God has had dreams and plans for Haiti and He is faithful and will bring them to pass. You can join us through our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/haitianpearl.pray](http://www.facebook.com/haitianpearl.pray)



*The International House of Prayer is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Contributions are tax deductible. All contributions are made with the understanding that IHOPKC has complete discretion and control over the use of all donated funds.*

*To give please make checks payable to "IHOPKC" and send to:*

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**GOLDEN AGE PARTY**



*How did Rita make it into all these pictures?*

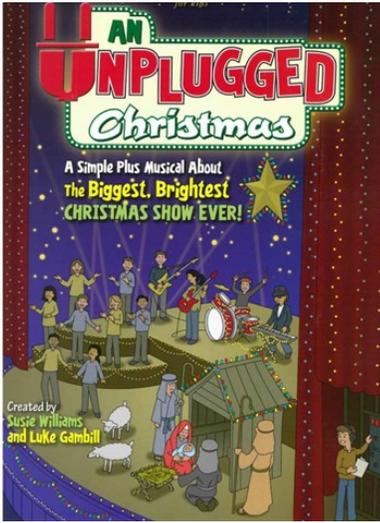
*We had 41 people in attendance and a good time was had by all.*



# PIZZA FUNDRAISER



# CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



# Blessing of the Quilts



## Fundraisers for Mackenzie Dingeldein

The Navarino Athletic Association is selling Ribbon Window Clings for \$5.00 each with all proceeds going to the Dingeldein family.

They are also selling Benefit Raffle tickets to be drawn on April 19th, the day of the Dingeldein Benefit.

Cost is 3/\$10.00. Cash Prizes to be awarded \$500 1st prize, \$250 2nd prize \$100 3rd prize, plus numerous other prizes. You need not be present to win.

See Joy Daebler, Jean Conradt or Kevin Conradt for more information.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CHURCH NEWS

607 E. Bronson Road, Seymour

## memory cafe

Memory cafés were developed to provide a "safe haven" for those with memory loss. The café welcomes those with memory loss, their friends, family or caregivers to gather together in a social environment where memory loss is expected...and accepted.

Memory cafés typically offer refreshments, music, activities, camaraderie and lively discussion. The café is facilitated by community volunteers and a gerontology professional.

Please call Barb VanGompel at 920-833-6856 for more information.

Memory Cafés are a program of the Fox Valley Memory Project and are funded by a grant from the North Shore County Partnership Fund in collaboration with the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region (CFVR) supported by the U.S. Bank and First National Bank, the J.J. Keller Foundation and other community partners; the North Shore Partnership, the Rotary Club of Appleton, and the Kuhn-Roth Family Foundation in 1993.

Good Shepherd offers a Memory Café the last Wednesday of every month from 2:00-3:30 p.m. (no reservations are needed)

## Good Shepherd Services Senior Citizen Center

### Café

Wed., Dec. 17<sup>TH</sup>  
"Christmas Music With Kay"

Join us for a sing a long and guitar music

Wed., Jan. 28<sup>TH</sup>

Let's Have A Little Fun With "The Price Is Right" Guessing the prices of 2015.

See how much things have changed over the years.

Come in and enjoy a cup of hot cocoa and have a little FUN!

## Cemetery Committee Meeting

The Cemetery Committee will meet on

Wednesday January 7th at 6:30 pm

at Church



Photo courtesy of Sassy Cheese Company



## It's the Wisconsin Whey

By Carol Musum, St. Cloud, Florida

MY HUSBAND, Bob, and I hail from Clintonville, Wisconsin, and we were serving as missionaries in Papua, New Guinea in 2004. On our way back to the States for a furlough, we stopped to see friends in New Zealand.

May and Joann showed us around the country for a time, then, on the road somewhere between Christchurch and Akaroa, May turned and said her childhood home was "Just a few miles past the cheese factory at the next bend."

Cheese factory?

I asked if either of them had ever visited one before, and they said they hadn't. Of course, we had to stop!

It looked just like the cheese factories we'd frequented back home: a small store with a window through which you can watch the cheese being made. There were plenty of shelves and coolers with a variety of cheeses for sale...and then I spotted what I was looking for: There, in one of the coolers, were two small packages of cheese curds!

"Have you ever tasted curds?" I asked.

"No," they answered, so I knew what my purchase had to be.

After being abroad for 2 years, I was no longer dressed like an American. I was wearing an Aussie hat, was without a camera and had not spoken a word within earshot of the man behind the counter.

But when I placed the package before him, the cheese maker instantly asked, "What part of Wisconsin are you from?"

I was flabbergasted!

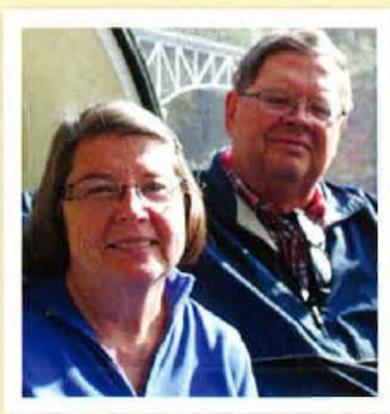
"How did you know I'm from Wisconsin?" I asked.

"Because only people from Wisconsin buy cheese curds," he replied.

We placed them on the dashboard to be warmed by the sun, and by the time we reached Akaroa, May and Joann were amazed at their squeaky goodness.

Today, Bob and I continue our mission work from our home in Florida, but we've recently purchased a condo in the Milwaukee area. Floridians buying a condo up north? How's that for a switch?

Good old Wisconsin's like a rubber band—it keeps pulling you back.



**NOT FROM NEW GUINEA.** Carol and Bob Musum were a world away from Clintonville when their preference for cheese led to an interesting encounter.

## A Learners Prayer

Teach me to pray, Lord,  
Teach me to say, Lord,  
Words that will honor the  
reason  
You came.

Teach me to talk, Lord,  
Teach me to walk, Lord,  
In ways that bring glory to  
Your Holy Name.

Teach me to give, Lord,  
Teach me to Live, Lord,  
Changed by Your Love-  
No longer the same.

Teach me to see, Lord,  
Teach me to be, Lord,  
Led only by Christ  
Whose power I claim

-Joyce Starr Macias

This article was from the December issue of Our Wisconsin magazine.

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Recipes



2 small pkg. strawberry jello  
2 cups boiling water  
3 bananas sliced thin

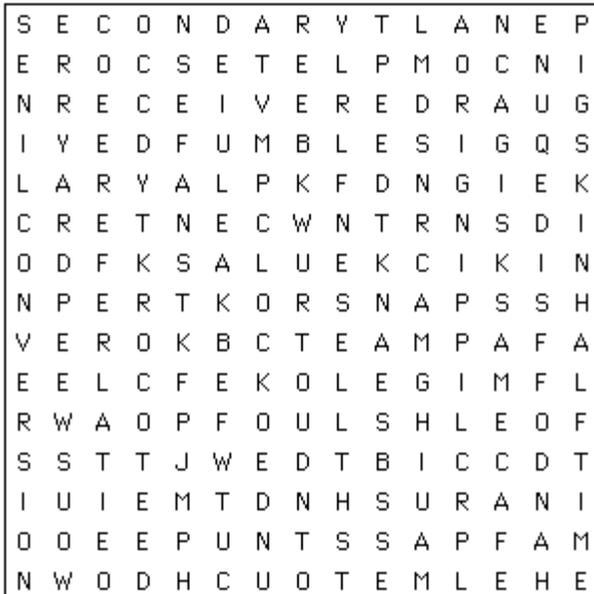
**Strawberry Jello Salad**

1 small can crushed pineapple, drained  
1 pkg. frozen strawberries  
1 1/2 cup sour cream (1 pint)

Dissolve jello in boiling water. Add Fruit. Pour half of mixture into a dish. Put in refrigerator until set. Spread sour cream 1/4 inch thick over set jello. Gently put rest of jello mixture over sour cream layer. Chill until set.

*Thank you Phyllis Peebles for submitting this recipe. I am still looking for recipes for future newsletters.*

**Football**



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| BLOCK        | HUDDLE        | PUNT      |
| CENTER       | INCOMPLETE    | RECEIVER  |
| CHEERLEADERS | INTERCEPTION  | REFEREE   |
| CLIPPING     | KICK          | RUSH      |
| CLOCK        | LINE          | SACK      |
| CONVERSION   | NFL           | SCORE     |
| FACE MASKS   | OFFENSE       | SECONDARY |
| FOULS        | OFFSIDE       | SNAP      |
| FUMBLE       | OUT OF BOUNDS | SWEEP     |
| GUARD        | PASS          | TACKLE    |
| HALF TIME    | PENALTY       | TEAM      |
| HANDOFF      | PIGSKIN       | TOUCHDOWN |
| HELMET       | PLAY          | YARD      |

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**CHURCH LADIES WITH  
TYPEWRITERS**

Thank God for church ladies with typewriters. These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services.

- ◊ Don't let worry kill you off-let the Church help.
- ◊ A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the Church hall. Music will follow.
- ◊ Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.



"Listening to a 40-minute sermon is not suffering for Jesus, Sammy."

**If you have something you would like to have included in the "Visitor", please have the information to the church office by the third Sunday of the prior month.**

# January 2015

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 6:30 pm—Exercise	<b>2</b> 8:00 pm—AA/ Alanon	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> <i>Second Sunday of Christmas</i> No Sunday School 8:30 am Small Group Bible Study 9:30 am Worship 5:00 pm Fellowship Followed by..... 6:00 pm "Praise with Passion"	<b>5</b> No Dartball	<b>6</b> 9:00 am—Bible Study 6:30 pm—Bible Study 6:30 pm—Exercise	<b>7</b> 6:30 pm—Confirmation 6:30 pm—Forward Youth Group 6:30 pm—Cemetery Committee Meeting	<b>8</b> 6:30 pm—Exercise	<b>9</b> 8:00 pm—AA/ Alanon	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> <i>Baptism of Our Lord</i> 8:00 am Council Meeting 8:30 am Sunday School 8:30 am Small Group Bible Study 9:30 am Worship 5:00 pm Fellowship Followed by..... 6:00 pm "Praise with Passion"	<b>12</b> 7:30 pm-Dartball @ Ascension	<b>13</b> 9:00 am—Bible Study 6:30 pm—Bible Study 6:30 pm—Exercise	<b>14</b> 6:30 pm-Confirmation 6:30 pm—Forward	<b>15</b> 1:00 pm—Mary Circle @ Betty's 6:30 pm—Exercise	<b>16</b> 8:00 pm-AA/ Alanon @	<b>17</b>
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