

# The Good News

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## **JANUARY DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 10am Service of Lessons and Carols  
Jan 14<sup>th</sup> Conference Wild Women Retreat [at Christ]  
Jan 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Congregational Meeting  
Council Meeting

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## **A Christmas Message from Bishop Julian Gordy**

In the first Star Wars movie from back in the 1977, the forces of an evil empire control the galaxy. This empire, which has taken rightful power from the republic, has created a colossal battle ship called the Death Star, capable of destroying whole planets. This death star is impervious to attack from even the largest of the rebel alliance's destroyers.

But the alliance manages to get a copy of the plans for the Death Star and finds a vulnerable spot in its defenses. Then, at the exciting conclusion of the movie, a tiny craft piloted by Luke Skywalker flies into the heart of this death star, launches a rocket into this area of vulnerability and destroys the evil weapon.

Something like that happened for real during World War II. The German navy set up a blockade of Norway. Mammoth German warships patrolled the waters to keep out allied shipping.

No one could break through the blockade until one day, a small Norwegian fishing boat carrying torpedoes sailed directly at one of the huge warships. The fishing boat was so small, so insignificant among the huge ships of war that no one on board the warship paid much attention to it until it had sailed right under the ship's big guns and released its torpedoes.

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## **Bishop's Christmas Message [continued]**

Theologically speaking, that's one thing we celebrate at Christmas. Our world, captive to the forces of the Evil, held in bondage to sin and self, could see no hope for rescue. But God did the one thing that Evil could not expect and could not defend against. God became a tiny part of God's own creation, sneaked into the world by the back door and began the work that will eventually bring an end to all those things that hurt or destroy God's beloved creation.

The birth of this baby in the little town of Bethlehem is the beginning of a confrontation between the reign of God – in all its apparent weakness, insignificance and vulnerability – and the reign kingdoms of the world with all their pomp and grandeur and power.

We often imagine that we see the signs of God's presence in the big things - in the earthquakes and floods and wars and hurricanes and famines and miracles and disasters of our day. But those who understand Christmas know that God is more likely to be found in the ordinary, the everyday. God keeps showing up in the prisoner, the immigrant, the hungry child, the lonely old person, the sick neighbor.

God's work goes on in places we don't expect, among people we discount. Things are rarely what they seem to us. We meet God where we don't expect. God works in and through the small things, the commonplaces, even the despised to become real to us, to be present with us.

Once God was there in Bethlehem. In a newborn baby wrapped in a blanket and lying in a manger, God was at work invading a world shackled by evil. Now, because of that baby, God is here with us. God has not left the world alone. The message of Christmas is that God came among us and is still with us, working to subvert the powers of death and violence and oppression, working to bring to fullness God's reign of love and peace, justice and mercy.

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### **THANK YOU NOTES**

<p>The Family of Roland Herbold would like to thank you for the cards you sent and your prayers . God Bless you. Bobbie Herbold</p>
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# SANTA'S WORKSHOP AND RECORDING STUDIO

## DECEMBER 10, 2011

A WONDERFUL DAY WHERE ABOUT 35 CHILDREN CAME AND MADE GIFTS FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS...



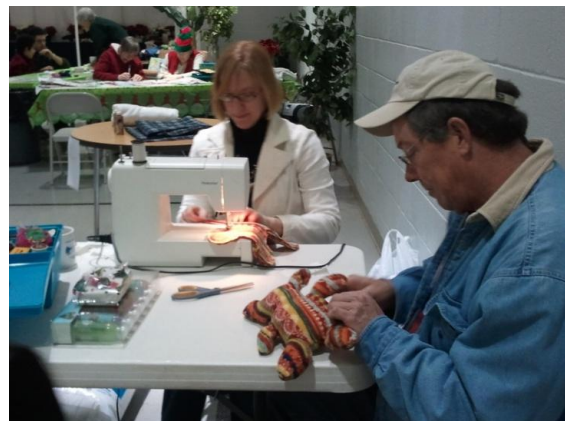
KRIS RABON, MAGGIE SANDERS AND CLARA CHESEBRO HELPED THE CHILDREN MAKE CARDS AND PHOTO FRAMES FOR GIFTS.



PEGGY CATES AND PETE ANDERSON HELPED CHILDREN MAKE BEAUTIFUL CARDS FOR THEIR FRIENDS AND FAMILY.



THE MAKE A BEAR TABLE WAS A POPULAR PLACE WITH VERY TALENTED CRAFTS-PEOPLE, SARAH AND RICHARD BURGER, HELPING THE CHILDREN MAKE AND STUFF A BEAR TO GIVE AS A GIFT.





ONE OF THE FAVORITE STOPS WAS IN THE KITCHEN WHERE PENNY GABBERT AND SANDY PERKINS HELPED CHILDREN MAKE A BATCH OF COOKIES TO TAKE HOME!!! YUM!



SURGERY COULDN'T KEEP HER DOWN! DIAN HELPED THE CHILDREN MAKE SNOW GLOBE ORNAMENTS TO ADD TO THEIR GIFTS FOR THEIR FAMILY!



SANTA'S RECORDING STUDIO WAS OPEN FOR BUSINESS IN THE SANCTUARY. THE CD THAT WAS COMPILED FROM ALL THE RECORDINGS OF THE CHILDREN SINGING THEIR FAVORITE CHRISTMAS SONG WAS ABSOLUTELY FABULOUS! THANKS TED AND JOAN!!!



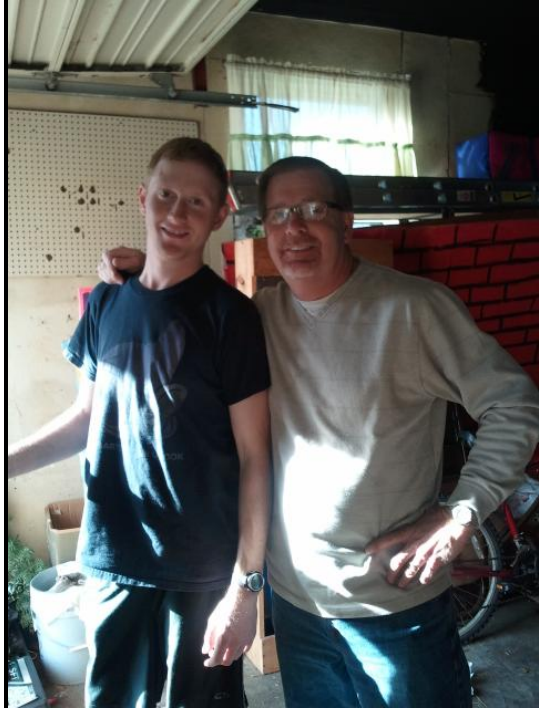
THEN THE GIFTS WERE WRAPPED. HERE WILL GORDY IS HELPING ONE OF OUR GUESTS WRAP THE GIFTS SHE MADE.

AND THEN WE HAD TO EAT!! PASTOR ESTHER AND KATHERINE MUSEUS ARE GRACIOUS HOSTS!



## SCENES FROM DECORATING THE CHURCH





## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### **Birthdays-**

Arlyne Krebs	Jan 2
Betty Howard	Jan 2
Mary Regan	Jan 15
Reinie Meyer	Jan 17
Shirley Pohl	Jan 19
Susan Kelton	Jan 19
Elijah Curry	Jan 19
Barbara Anderson	Jan 19
Goldie Herbold	Jan 22
Anna Sneed	Jan 26
Judy Travis	Jan 28

### **Anniversaries-**

Christina and Matt Watts	Jan 3
Andie and Frank Regg	Jan 27
John and Trish Vogt	Jan 31

# THE SERVING TABLE

	<b>JAN 1 10A ONLY]</b>	<b>JAN 8</b>	<b>JAN 15</b>	<b>JAN 22</b>	<b>JAN 29</b>
<b>ASST MIN 8A</b>	SANDRA BRAASCH	WILMA PRINCE	JIM MCKANNA	KATHERINE MUSEUS	WILMA PRINCE
<b>ASST MIN 10:30A</b>		MAGGIE SANDERS	DIANA KROEGER	PASTOR ESTHER	SANDRA BRAASCH
<b>CANTOR 10:30AM</b>					MARCI WILSON BOGGS
<b>LECTOR 8AM</b>	WILMA PRINCE	GARY GLASS	ROBERTA EDWARDS	CLARA CHESEBRO	DICK EDWARDS
<b>LECTOR 10:30AM</b>		MARCI WILSON BOGGS	MARLEEN FINNEY	DIAN LUFFMAN	SARAH BURGER
<b>USHERS 8AM</b>	DICK EDWARDS	DUANE HERBOLD	GARY GLASS	KRIS RABON	CASEY KREBS
<b>USHERS 10:30AM</b>		FRANK REGG / BOB BEHNKE	PETE ANDERSON / RON REGAN	DENNIS SCHUTT / MIKE KERR	MARK ELSON / RICHARD BURGER
<b>CRUC/ACOLYTE 8AM</b>	TORI BOLSTAD	TORI BOLSTAD	TORI BOLSTAD	TORI BOLSTAD	TORI BOLSTAD
<b>CRUC/ACOLYTE 8AM</b>		ELIJAH CURRY	TOMMIE ELSON	ELIJAH CURRY	TOMMIE ELSON
<b>NURSERY ASST</b>		TORI BOLSTAD		TORI BOLSTAD	
<b>EUCHARIST. MINISTER</b>	WILMA PRINCE	KRIS RABON	WILMA PRINCE	KRIS RABON	WILMA PRINCE
<b>CHILDREN'S MESSAGE</b>	SANDRA BRAASCH	KATHERINE MUSEUS	PASTOR ESTHER	PASTOR GORDY	SANDRA BRAASCH
<b>ALTAR GUILD 8A</b>	WILMA PRINCE	WILMA PRINCE	WILMA PRINCE	WILMA PRINCE	WILMA PRINCE
<b>ALTAR GUILD 10:30A</b>					
<b>COUNTERS</b>	SARAH BURGER DIAN LUFFMAN [DL]	DENNIS SCHUTT /DL MAGGIE SANDERS	PETE ANDERSON/DL SARAH BURGER	SARAH BURGER PAULETTE KREBS	DENNIS SCHUTT MAGGIE SANDERS
<b>COFFEE HOST 9AM</b>					
<b>COFFEE HOST 11:30AM</b>		SARAH BURGER	CONGREGATIONAL MTG	PETE & PEGGY ANDERSON	SARAH BURGER

<b>Lessons for Jan 8</b>	<b>Lessons for Jan 15</b>	<b>Lessons for Jan 22</b>	<b>Lessons for Jan 29</b>
Genesis 1:1-5	1 Sam 3:1-10 [11-20]	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalms 29	Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18	Psalms 62:5-12	Psalms 111
Acts 19:1-7	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	1 Corinthians 7:29-31	1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:4-11	John 1:43-51	Mark 1:14-20	Mark 1:21-28

## PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS

Deployed Military: Tony Bollin, Justin Whitley, Daniel Hawkins.

Home Bound: Arlyne Krebs, Ray & Ursula Rayburn, Elizabeth Major, Vera Best, Randall Travis, Chuck Salmon, Johnny Stone

Members: Mary Regan, Debbie Jones, Allen Luffman, Billie Goepfert

Relatives & Friends: Marietta Zonge, Mary Quinlan, Nancy O'Reilley, Ernest Blair, Jerry Wong, Sara Walker, Joe Jupin, Vickie Jupin, Mabel Harden, Gloria Ladnier, Erna Schoen, Sadie Becker and family.

## Sunday School and Christian Formation Opportunities

- Infant-Toddler-Preschool Sunday School will be offered during the 10:30am worship in the nursery for our youngest youth group, those 6 and under. We will use the SPARK! Lectionary curriculum specially designed for 2-3 year olds.
- Elementary aged through High School Youth Sunday School will also follow the SPARK Lectionary curriculum and will meet in the Art Room on Sunday mornings between 9:15-10:15.

## Youth Group and Confirmation

- Youth Group normally meets after worship from 12-1pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month.
- **Attention Confirmation Parents and Students!!!** Our Confirmation class will attend the Middle TN Confirmation Cluster to be held at First Lutheran in Nashville from 2pm to 7pm on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. The topic is Holy Communion.

## Adult Sunday School Class will begin a new study in January!

Our study of “Awakening to God’s call to Earthkeeping” will begin on Sunday January 22, 2012. We will look at caring for creation as an essential component of religious faith and witness. Faithful “earthkeeping” can deepen our relationship both with God and with one another, as we work for the healing of the earth. Diaconal Minister Sandra Braasch will lead this study. Come join us. We meet in the video room on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am.

## Tuesday Group meets at 7am on Tuesday mornings for Bible Study and then breakfast at IHOP!



## Some Glimpses of Christmas Eve

At the 7pm Ecumenical Christmas Eve Service the children performed while Pastor Kamou read the Gospel story of the birth of Jesus... We sang our hymns together in our own languages, English, Spanish and Swahili!



Some of us couldn't decide whether to be a sheep or an angel!

## **CLCW News & Annual Report**

Kris Rabon

The CLCW kept quite busy this year:

- January: Joint planning meeting with old & new board members-2011 officers announced, Kris Rabon, Pres.; Loretta Crosby, VP; Clara Chesbro, Sec.; Dianna Kroeger, Tres.; Dian Luffman. Member-at-large
- February: Our Valentine Tea & annual meeting, Kelley Selfe was our speaker
- April: Spring Cluster at St. Timothy's with 8 attending (we won the travel trophy); Bake Sale at CLC
- May: Mother's Day Luncheon
- June: Father's Day Cookout with Mr. Legs Contest
- September: WELCA Convention, attended by 12 of us, Guntersville, AL; Babysitting for the Synagogue
- October: Babysitting for the Synagogue; CLCW Retreat with Sandra Braasch was our speaker (Dianna Kroeger was our best game player-remember 'drunken chicken droppings'?)
- November: Thanksgiving Dinner with annual meeting & election of 2 new board members- Clara, returning for 2 years, & Kay Culver, with Loretta retiring from board.
- December: Annual Cookie Exchange at Marlene Finney's

This year CLCW also:

Purchased 2 new pots and 2 cooled serving pitchers for the kitchen

Sponsored projects by the quilters, Education Com., and Properties Com.

Contributed towards the purchase of a new Christmas tree, with the Altar Guild

Sent donations to Lutheran Services & Second Harvest

Changed our bank accounts to Region's from SunTrust

Provided 200 chocolate hearts for the WELCA Con. (we were the hosting Cluster)

Provided bags for school kits

Continue to collect & provide kits & soap for LWR.

We wish to thank all who helped with our meals and projects. We ask for prayers & continued support during our 2012 ministry.

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Kris

### **REMINDER: Mark Your Calendars!**

**Annual Meeting January 15<sup>th</sup> following the late service.** We will receive our annual reports and elect new council members. Please bring a dish to share and join us for the meeting! The Council will meet immediately following the annual meeting.

# JANUARY 2012

Next Month 

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>1</b>  <u>10:00 AM Lessons and Carols</u>                      [Nave] CLC  <u>12:15 PM NKEC SS/Youth</u>                      Group (MR,N)  <u>2:00 PM San Matias Worship</u>                      (NAVE, CR, N)  <u>4:00 PM Iglesia de San Matias</u>                      Fellowship Meal (MPR,K)</p>	<p><b>2</b>                      New Years -                      OFFICE CLOSED  <u>6:30 PM Square</u>                      Dancers (MPR,K)</p>	<p><b>3</b>  <u>7:00 AM Tuesday</u>                      Group - The                      Greatest Story                      Bible Study(CR)  <u>6:00 PM San</u>                      Matias Choir                      Practice (Nave)  <u>6:30 PM Square</u>                      Dancers (MPR,K)  <u>7:00 PM Yoga</u>                      (Nave)</p>	<p><b>4</b>  <u>7:30 PM CLC Choir</u>                      Rehearsal (Nave)  <u>8:00 PM NKEC</u>                      Discipleship Training                      (HUT)</p>	<p><b>5</b>  <u>7:00 PM San</u>                      Matias Vestry                      Meeting</p>	<p><b>6</b>  <u>7:30 PM Prayer</u>                      [NKEC] Sanctuary</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>
<p><b>8</b>  <u>8:00 AM CLC Worship (NAVE)</u>  <u>9:15 AM Sunday School</u>  <u>10:00 AM Choir (NAVE)</u>  <u>10:30 AM CLC Worship</u>                      (NAVE,N,CR,Narthex)  <u>12:15 PM NKEC SS/Youth</u>                      Group (MR,N)  <u>2:00 PM San Matias Worship</u>                      (NAVE, CR, N)</p>	<p><b>9</b>  <u>6:30 PM Square</u>                      Dancers (MPR,K)</p>	<p><b>10</b>  <u>7:00 AM Tuesday</u>                      Group - The                      Greatest Story                      Bible Study(CR)  <u>6:00 PM San</u>                      Matias Choir                      Practice (Nave)  <u>6:30 PM Square</u>                      Dancers (MPR,K)  <u>7:00 PM Yoga</u>                      (Nave)</p>	<p><b>11</b>  <u>7:30 PM CLC Choir</u>                      Rehearsal (Nave)  <u>8:00 PM NKEC</u>                      Discipleship Training                      (HUT)</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b>  <u>7:30 PM Prayer</u>                      [NKEC] Sanctuary</p>	<p><b>14</b>  <u>9:00 AM Wild</u>                      Women Retreat</p>
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Worship: Sundays 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Sunday School: 9:15 am

# New Year Blessings!

