

THE VISITOR

NOVEMBER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERIES

It was 3 years ago that we began to consider what Vision 2 Serve might do for our congregation. These last few years have been a great blessing to Atonement as we have grown in our vision for ministry in the congregation, community and the world. Now it is time to celebrate and give thanks to God for the blessing of what has taken place and consider where God is calling us into ministry in the years to come. Be sure to join us for worship on Sunday as we are challenged to walk together in ministry & mission using our gifts and talents. A letter will be coming to you in early November about your commitments of time, talent and treasure for 2012. These are to be returned on Sunday, November 20th. We will place our commitments to God on the altar during worship.

Nov. 6..... United 2 Serve - "Praise the Lord" I Corinthians 1:10

GENEROSITY

We worship a God who not only models generous living but also shapes our hearts for generosity. Most of us struggle to really trust God to provide and therefore surrender our finances to God, but God's Word tells us that we've been set free to live generously, and in so doing we discover great joy and real freedom. In this series we will proclaim the truth and invite people to receive and respond with grace. There are five goals to this series:

- 1) to explore biblical principles of giving;
- 2) to examine our practices of giving (how much, how often...);
- 3) to examine our motivations for giving;
- 4) to experience greater freedom in giving;
- 5) to invite people to pray about their promised giving for 2012.

Nov. 13..... "Owners of Nothing and Managers of Everything"

Nov. 20..... "Generous Giving Arises Out of Deep Gratitude"

EXPECTING JESUS - ADVENT

Nov. 27..... "Power in Our Weakness"

Please note that the second service which is in English & Spanish will be at 11:15 a.m. starting in November!

ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES:

WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

You are invited to join us for our Advent Mid Week Services which begin on Wednesday, November 30. The focus for the 4 services will be on the word HOPE. I am looking for people who would be willing to share what you HOPE for this Christmas. Each Wednesday will begin with a meal that will be served from 6:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. followed by an Advent Reflection Service with Holy Communion & will be held in the parish hall. Come and join us as we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Christ!

SECOND WORSHIP SERVICE "HOPE FOR ALL"

Come and worship with us on Sunday morning as we share a bilingual worship celebration (English & Spanish). This celebration is open to all people. The worship service is being called "Hope For All" - "Esperanza Para Todos". Come let us worship the Lord! Please note the worship time change for the summer is 11:15 a.m. **Please note that we often have Mexican food after the second service!**

NOVEMBER GIVING UPDATE FOR ATONEMENT LUTHERAN

Thank you for your many gifts which make it possible for Atonement Lutheran Church to give witness to the Grace & Mercy of Jesus Christ. We give because God gave to us - as it says in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." It is important that we continue to financially support the ministry God has entrusted to us here at Atonement Lutheran Church.

The congregation at our Annual Meeting on January 30 approved a new budget for 2011 that is \$1,567 less than 2010. In order to fund our new 2011 budget we need weekly offerings of: \$4,400. Our offerings as of October 16th are \$175,623.35 and our Budget to date is \$184,400. This means that we are \$8,777 behind budget at this time. Thank you for your gifts.

If you have any questions about our budget feel free to talk with any member of the Church Council or with Pastor Jim.

**WE GIVE BECAUSE HE (GOD)
FIRST GAVE HIS SON!**

A LIFE WORTH LIVING ~ EXPLORING THE MEANING OF LIFE!

TUESDAY Morning Bible Study at 9:30 a.m.

The Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study will continue to gather Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. We will do a video series called "A Life Worth Living", a 9-week course based on the Book of Philippians. Each talk (by Nicky Gumbel) explains how it is possible to live the Christian life positively, practically, and joyfully. Based on Paul's letter to the Philippians, this series takes a look at some of the new things Jesus Christ can do for us today.

- Week 1 "A NEW HEART"/Philippians 1:1-11
- Week 2 "A New Purpose"/Philippians 1:12-30
- Week 3 "A New Attitude"/Philippians 2:1-11
- Week 4 "A New Responsibilities"/Philip 2:12-18
- Week 5 "A New Friendship"/Philippians 2:19-30
- Week 6 "New Confidence"/Philippians 3:1-11
- Week 7 "New Ambitions"/Philippians 3:10-21
- Week 8 "New Resources"/Philippians 4:1-9
- Week 9 "New Generosity"/Philippians 4:10-23

Come and join us! Invite a friend to join us as we pray, hear from scripture and talk about the questions around life and faith. See you TUESDAY morning!

THE ALPHA COURSE: EXPLORING THE MEANING OF LIFE!

Herbie's Café THURSDAY Morning Bible Study at 6:30 a.m.

Herbie's Café will gather on Thursday morning at 6:30 a.m. We will do a video series called THE ALPHA COURSE, a 15-week course that explores the meaning of life. This course is a practical introduction to the Christian faith.

- Week 1Christianity: Boring, Untrue, and Irrelevant?
- Week 2Who Is Jesus?
- Week 3Why Did Jesus Die?
- Week 4How Can I Be Sure of my Faith?
- Week 5Why and How Should I Read the Bible?
- Week 6Why and How Do I Pray?
- Week 7How Does God Guide Us?
- Week 8Who Is The Holy Spirit?
- Week 9What Does the Holy Spirit Do?
- Week 10How Can I Be Filled with the Spirit?
- Week 11How Can I Resist Evil?
- Week 12Why and How Should We Tell Others?
- Week 13Does God Heal Today?
- Week 14What About the Church?
- Week 15How Can I Make the Most of the Rest of My Life?

Breakfast will be served at Herbie's Café at 6:30 a.m. Pancakes, juice, coffee, tea and maybe more. Come and join us for Breakfast and Bible Study.

SEE YOU AT BREAKFAST!!!

ATONEMENT COUPLES GATHERINGS - OCTOBER

REEVES GROUP - Be sure to join us in November as we begin a new study called "A Life Worth Living". This is a nine-week course based on the Book of Philippians. Each talk explains how it is possible to live the Christian life positively, practically, and joyfully. Come and join us for a great study, wonderful food and good fellowship. If you have questions about this get together talk with Kim or Randy! God is great!

HELGESON'S GROUP - There is also a group that is meeting at Jason & Sara Helgeson's home on Sundays. They are doing a DVD series on marriage. **(Be sure to contact these families for possible time changes)**

WHAT IS SQUIRCLE? NEXT GATHERING ON NOVEMBER 5 AT 9:00AM

Squircle is (squares, men and circles, women) a group of senior citizens who get together once a month for food, fellowship, fun, and study. We meet at a Friday night eatery or Saturday morning breakfast at the Holiday Inn (hosts choice). Then it's to church for study. We will complete our study of "The Lutheran Course II." Each session takes a classic piece of Lutheran doctrine and "breaks it open" through a large-group video presentation and small-group conversation and good humor. Some of the questions we will look at are: "How does God work?", "Why do we do things we know we shouldn't do?", "How are we saved?" and many others. We invite you to join us. Just let the host/hostess know one week ahead of time.

Questions? Call Kathryn 469-2720, or Janet 468-0238.

NEW DEVOTIONALS ARE HERE FOR OCTOBER, NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

New devotionals are in the conversation pit and on the narthex counter. We have large and small versions for you, please help yourself!

CONFIRMATION MINISTRY IN NOVEMBER 2011

Confirmation is: A pastoral and educational ministry of the church which helps the baptized child, through Word and Sacrament, to Identify more deeply with the Christian community and participate more fully in its mission.

MAKE-UP TIMES!

Please note that there will be time to work on make-up of missed classes on Wednesday evenings after class. All classes that are missed must be made up. Those who have make-up to do are: Lexi, Megan, Jared, Savannah, Hailey, Daniel & Pariss. Please let Pastor Jim know ahead of time when you plan to come and do make-up.

CONFIRMATION

7th and 8th Graders will focus on the CREED during the month of November as we gather on Sunday morning at 10:15 a.m. and Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. It is important that you be on time. If you know that you will not be present, please call Pastor Jim 468-0713 or e-mail him at james.gerth@yahoo.com. Thank you!

9th Graders will begin to make arrangements for having a mentor and will discover more about the life of Christ! The 9th Graders will gather on Sundays at 10:15 a.m. and on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Our Wednesday evening class will be exploring some of the basic beliefs about the Lutheran Church and how they compare to other Christian churches.

SIGN UP TO ATTEND WISCONSIN DELLS QUAKE - APRIL 27-29, 2012

Yes it is that time to prepare for another great weekend of fun, fellowship, food and growing in faith. The Quake is for youth in grades 6-9 and will be held at the Wilderness Resort. This year's focus is on being ROOTED in Christ - Colossians 2:6-7. Speaker will be Justin Vetrano with music by Agape. For us to get the early bird discount we MUST BE REGISTERED by the first part of February 2012. See Pastor Jim for more information!

HELPERS NEEDED TO TEACH

CONFIRMATION This area of ministry is something we do together. During the year you will be asked to help with part of this ministry. Let us pray for our youth as they explore what it means to be a person of faith!

IMPORTANT DATES TO KEEP IN MIND:

NOVEMBER 2 - WEDNESDAY - Captive Free
5:00 p.m. meal with Captive Free.

6:30 p.m. Captive Free/Youth & Families

NOVEMBER 19-20 - SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Youth Lock-In

NOVEMBER 20 - SUNDAY -

Deliver Baskets of Love

10:00 a.m. Informational Gathering on Mission Trips in 2012

DECEMBER 7 - WEDNESDAY -

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

APRIL 27-29 - 2012 Quake

SUMMER CAMP - 2012

Yes we are already making plans for going to Imago Dei in 2012. This week is open for youth in grades 7-12. Remember, confirmation parents, that it is expected that a confirmation youth attend a week of Bible Camp before they are confirmed. WHAT A DEAL! Yes it is back for a second year! Any young person that would like to attend camp a second or third or fourth time will have their way paid for in full by Pastor Jim! WOW! The week we plan to attend will be June 17-22. Talk with P.J. soon so that we can get the early bird discount.

HELPERS WITH CONFIRMATION

This area of ministry is something we do together. During the year you may be asked to help with part of this ministry. Let us pray for our youth as they explore what it means to be a person of faith!

9:00 a.m. Nursery Care **8:45 a.m. Acolyte**

Nov. 6 Autumn FrerkMegan Zentmeyer

Nov. 13 Hailey Huebner.....Lexi Krenke

Nov. 20 Pariss LeMay.Daniel Nesslein

Nov. 27Lauren Rupp II

11:15 a.m. Acolyte

Nov. 5 Karla Lopez

Nov. 13..... Eric Cardona

Nov. 20..... Yadira Mendez

Nov. 27..... Karla Lopez

N.E.W. Shelter Meal Confirmation Youth Helpers

Nov. 7 - Hailey Huebner, Lexi Krenke,

.....Megan Zentmeyer - **4:45-6:00 p.m.**

Youth News

Love Baskets

Love Baskets are a special outreach ministry. The goodies and fruit in these baskets remind our shut-ins that they are loved and are in our daily prayers. We will deliver the baskets on Sunday November 20. Drivers and delivery helpers will be needed. If you know of someone who could use a little extra love this holiday season, please contact Kate (kmworzala@gmail.com or 715-630-4380).

Captive Free is Coming!

Captive Free will be at Atonement Tuesday Nov. 2 and Wednesday Nov 3 to present their special brand of music and relational ministry. Those of you who came last year know what a unique performance Captive Free puts on. For those of you who have never seen a Captive Free group before, prepare for a special night of worship! So mark your calendars and bring your friends!

NOTE: We will need some volunteers to provide lodging and meals for the group members.

Fall Lock-in Extravaganza

Saturday, Nov 19 – Sunday, Nov 20
Mark your calendars because you don't want to miss this action-packed, fun-filled event. Join us as we plan the coming year's events, road trip to the Cup O' Joy for a late night show, and bake cookies for our "Love Baskets" ministry. (And that's all before midnight ☺)

This event starts at 6:00 p.m. Saturday and runs through worship the next morning. After worship, we will continue our adventure by delivering the "Love Baskets" we prepared to members of our church community.

A sign-up sheet is located on the counter in the Narthex. ***Friends always welcome!***

Note to Parents – you are encouraged to join us for the planning meeting and our "road trip" to the Cup O' Joy.

Preble Parking Fundraiser

A HUGE Success! Thank you to everyone who supported our Preble Parking Fundraiser. We raised \$1,413 for our Youth Ministry! Special thanks to the Reeves, Wentworths, Huebners, and Keims for working at the games.

Events Planning Meeting – A "Can't Miss" Event

There will be a youth events planning meeting Saturday Nov. 19th (during the fall lock-in). The meeting will run from 6:00–8:00 p.m. Dinner will be provided.

At this meeting we sketch out our events for the coming year, including the SOSOS dinner and our spring lock-in. This is a meeting you do not want to miss. These are your events; be there to help us plan them!

Note to Parents – please bring your date books and calendars! We would like our schedule to be as accurate (and as accommodating) as possible.

Coming Soon...1st Wed Confirmation: Bell Ringing for Salvation Army

On Wednesday, Dec 7 our grade 7-9 confirmation kids will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army! More details to come – look for an informational letter in the mail this month!



Rainbow Bags For Our Children in Church

The rainbow bags at the entry to church are filled with religious books for your children to read during worship. Please feel free to take one for your child to use and return to the rack following worship.

Rainbow Bag Care Schedule:
November – Vanessa Wentworth

ANNIVERSARY COMING UP!!

February 26, 2012 is the 50th Anniversary of Atonement Lutheran Church! We are planning a day of celebration on June 3, 2012, when we will gather together to reflect on the past and look forward to the future. Several ideas which will help make this an uplifting and rewarding event are taking shape:

- ◆ A new church directory
- ◆ A time capsule to open in the future
- ◆ Pictures showing the history and growth of the church
- ◆ A one-day celebration with special music, food, etc.

Volunteers are needed for our 50th Anniversary Celebration. Contact anyone on the planning committee or P.J. for more information or if you can give ANY amount of time. Help is needed for the following:

- ◆ Assist Karen Neveau in organizing the new directory
- ◆ Ideas for and planning of fundraisers to pay for the celebration
- ◆ Ideas for contents and burial of the time capsule
- ◆ Event planners for the June 3 celebration
- ◆ Publicity for the event
- ◆ Reception and food planning
- ◆ Development of 50th Anniversary Program
- ◆ Create a 50th Anniversary DVD
- ◆ Worship planning and decorating

Many, many people are needed to make this celebration a success! What should we call our wonderful celebration? If you have any ideas for an interesting, eye-catching name for our 50th anniversary celebration, please share it!

Anniversary Celebration Committee:

Co-chair:	Paula Breese 465-6603
Co-chair:	Sue Byers 468-6021
History:	Mary Ann Larsen
Fund Development:	Donna Aznoe 468-7507
Secretary:	Bobbie Bierhals

ATONEMENT WEDNESDAY WOMEN

What a special day we have to celebrate in November - Thanksgiving Day. What a neat name for a day! We share our prayers of thanks to God, and to celebrate the giving part, let's bring something to share... cookies, candy, a nice card, picture or ?, and share with our shut-ins this month. We will meet at the usual time and place - Village Grille at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 2. Come and join us for this time of good fellowship. We order off the menu. Call Gladys 468-6853 or Janet at 468-0238 if you have questions or concerns.

50TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISER

Do you need to fill your gas tank in your vehicle? Do you need some great stocking stuffers or a gift for that person on your Christmas list who already has everything?

Then you need to stop by the Communication Center in the church and sign up to purchase some Kwik Trip gas cards. There are 5 locations in the Green Bay area including Howard and DePere. Our goal is to sell 3000\$ worth of gas cards and then we will profit 300\$ toward the 50th anniversary celebration. Atonement will receive 10% profit of total sales, and you pay face value for gift cards. How easy is that? Please see Donna Aznoe with any questions. Gift cards are on sale now through November 27th so that you will have them in time for Christmas.

HOSTS/HOSTESSES & TREATS NEEDED FOR COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

If you would enjoy serving coffee and treats for our coffee fellowship, let Donna know and she will add you to the schedule starting in January 2012. Did you sign up to bring treats for our Coffee Fellowship? If you are bringing a treat for our coffee fellowship, please write your name on the date you would like to provide the treat on the signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you to all willing to bring treats! Questions? See Donna Aznoe 468-7507.



FAMILY NEWS

We extend our congratulations to Ken & Lindsey Larsen who were married at Atonement Lutheran Church on September 24, 2011. May God's blessings be upon you every day of your life.

Received as a Child of God October 9, 2011 through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism is Randall Richards Reeves. Randy's sponsors are Tim and Eileen Berken. May the richest blessings of our loving God be upon Randy today and forever.



CHRISTMAS CANTATA AT ATONEMENT

The Atonement choir invites all those who love to sing to practice as we prepare a Christmas Cantata called – “Candles & Carols.” This Cantata uses familiar carols and new songs as a way to tell the story of Jesus and His birth. If you would like to know more contact Bethany Thier.

IF YOU HAD A PHOTO TAKEN BY LIFETOUCH FOR THE DIRECTORY.....

We received some of the free 8 x 10 photos. Please pick them up in the narthex. We may be getting multiple shipments of the free photos, so you may have to check the narthex several times. Thank you for picking up your photos and saving Atonement the postage costs.

MULTI CULTURAL MINISTRY DINNER & PROGRAM

Sunday, November 13th :

5:00 p.m. Appetizers

5:30 p.m. Dinner

6:00 p.m. Dessert & Program

7:00 p.m. Closing Prayer

Atonement Lutheran Church would like to invite you to a Latino dinner and program about Multiculturalism in Green Bay and the vision that Atonement Lutheran Church has for our diverse community. We will have a beautiful menu of authentic Mexican Cuisine and a program delivered by our Multicultural Ministry staff and members of this exciting new ministry. There will be an opportunity for you to ask questions and pledge your prayers of support. Come ready for an exciting conversation about how we can be the change we want to see in the world!

ARE YOU JUST THE PERSON WE’VE BEEN LOOKING FOR?

- ✘ Do you love helping people, especially when it means meeting the needs of people within the congregation?
- ✘ Do you recognize a new face in our congregation and welcome him or her warmly?
- ✘ Do you enjoy participating in fundraisers or hands-on projects that benefit organizations or individuals in need within our community?
- ✘ Are you a Thrivent Financial for Lutherans member?

If you said yes to most of those questions, you’re the one! We’re looking for people just like you to be a Congregational Advocate for Atonement Lutheran Church in Green Bay part of the NE Brown Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

As a Congregational Advocate, you can:

- Build relationships with congregation members and leadership, and with Thrivent Financial members and financial representatives.
- Understand the needs and ministries of the congregation and help find the right charitable, social and educational solutions to meet those needs and then help make them happen in the congregation.
- Support and promote educational, charitable and social programs offered through Thrivent Financial to bring members together in the congregation.

Interested in helping?

Contact JoElle Bitters, Director of Congregational Advocates at 920-437-2557 or thebestwifey@sbcglobal.net and/or Lutheran Engagement Team staff Bob Bain 920-309-2019 bob.bain@thrivent.com for more information.

We are planning a Congregational Advocate Supper on Tuesday, November 29, at 6:00 p.m. at the Rock Garden, 1951 Bond Street, Green Bay in the Grand South Room (enter the 2nd burgundy awning facing Highway 41) for all Congregational Advocates and all those who think they might want to consider being a “Congregational Advocate” for your church. Please RSVP to JoElle or Bob before November 22, 2011

CARPET CARE

With respect to our great investment please limit your beverage to water in our newly carpeted areas.

LOOKING FOR SERVANTS TO SERVE ON THE ATONEMENT CHURCH COUNCIL

We are prayerfully looking for people who would be willing to serve on the Church Council. The Church Council has the following who serve on this board:

Jason Helgeson	2012
Donna Aznoe	2012
David McCarthy	2012
Tim Wentworth	2013
Leah Bergstrom	2013

NOMINATIONS NEEDED FOR:

One Year Term _____

Three Year Term _____

According to the Constitution some of the duties of the council are:

- ✘ To lead this congregation in stating its mission, to do long-range planning, to set goals and priorities, and to evaluate its activities in light of its mission and goals.
- ✘ To seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service and support.
- ✘ To be examples individually and corporately of the style of life and ministry expected of all baptized persons.

If you know of someone who you feel would be a good leader on council please share that name with a member of the council.

PRAYER VIGIL

A Prayer Vigil is being scheduled for Tuesday, November 1, which is ALL SAINT'S DAY. It will be held in the church sanctuary. Material will be available to guide you as we give thanks for the Saints past, present, & future. Everyone is welcome. Come anytime between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Stay as little or as long as you desire.



THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION TUESDAY – NOVEMBER 22

Come and join us on Tuesday evening, Nov. 22nd as we pause to give thanks for the blessings God has given and consider how we can share these blessings with those in need! The service theme is SOUP! You are asked to bring several cans of soup to the service to be given as an offering for area shelters.

6:00–7:00 p.m. Soup Is Served!

7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Celebration with Holy Communion (A special guest will talk about the area homeless and how we can be of help.)

The offering of cans of soup and money will go to area shelters. Let us gather to give thanks to God!!!



Dear Julie:

Julie G. would like you to join their Red Cross Racing team Atonement Outreach. Welcome to our great team. We are motivated to provide outreach to our community and you can be a part of this great effort by joining the team. Prizes won will go towards auction, providing funds to assist with community outreach projects.

Team Code: CRZ8PR

Feel the thrill of the race and join a team to get in on the action! Once you're on a team, you and your teammates will earn points every time you report a blood donation. The team with the most points at the end of the season wins! Learn more about Team Play on our website.

Looking forward to a winning season for everyone!
Sincerely, The Red Cross Racing Team

Dear Friends,

Greetings to you in the powerful name of Jesus the Christ!

“But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.” Isaiah 40:31

I recall as a young child always looking forward to the arrival of the Sears Christmas catalog. The day it would arrive in our home my older brother and I would page through the toy section dreaming about what might be under the Christmas tree. It was our hope book. What do you hope for this Christmas? The people of God that we meet in the Old Testament were hoping for the coming of a new time – a new kingdom – a new King. They also had their hopes about how life might be different. What are you HOPING for this Christmas?

I invite you to join us on Wednesday evenings during Advent as we explore the question – “What do you HOPE for this Christmas? The first Wednesday Advent Soup Meal & Service will be November 30th. The evening will begin with a Soup meal that will be served from 6:00- 7:00PM. During the meal time you will have the chance to make an ADVENT DECORATION that will remind you just what we HOPE for this Christmas. The meal time will be followed by a Service of Light & Darkness with Holy Communion. These services will be held in the parish hall. Let us join the prophet Isaiah as he reminds us to place our HOPE in the Lord!

I am looking for four or more people who would be willing to share what they are HOPING for this Christmas as part of the Wednesday evening service. The offering on Wednesday evening will go to the Malaria Campaign. In Africa, a child dies every 45 seconds from Malaria. Our gifts during Advent can help bring HOPE and make a healthier future possible. These gifts will provide mosquito nets, spray homes and provide necessary anti-malarial medication, support water treatment projects and help raise awareness about how to prevent, diagnose and treat malaria.

What do you HOPE for this Christmas? See you at the Mid-Week Services as we explore that question.

In Christ,
Pastor Jim Gerth

ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2011

PRESENT: Donna Aznoe, Jason Helgeson, Jim Michels, Barb Schewe, Lora Vandevoorde, Tim Wentworth, Kate Worzala, Pastor Jim Gerth

ABSENT: Leah Bergstrom, Dave McCarthy

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Barb made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 18, 2011 council meeting. Kate seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Barb and PJ reviewed the August 2011 financial report. Items noted were: the transfer of confirmation camp expense from Parish Ed to Youth will be made in September; actual expenses should be very close to budget in total by the end of the year; Hispanic Ministry had an unusually high amount of expenses due to the Festival Weekend in August; and Bethany is spending about 20 hours (not the budgeted 30) per week so Hispanic Ministry should be able to make it through January 2012 with their current funding. Kate made a motion to accept the August 2011 financial report. Donna seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

- ◆ Christ Community Church has lost their pastor. PJ is on call along with other area pastors until a new one is hired. Some of their members are attending our services.
- ◆ Luther College Concert Band will perform at Preble on October 24th. Portion of the proceeds will go to Preble and East music programs.
- ◆ United 2 Serve is asking members to brainstorm new goals for our church, the community and the world before September 25th when new goals will be discussed and defined.
- ◆ PJ will be on vacation the last weekend in October and Bethany will be preaching that Sunday.

TEAM REPORTS:

- ▶ Worship & Music – The choir started practicing again and will begin performing soon. W&M has become a well-oiled machine and plans to “re-purpose” the team this fall.
- ▶ Fellowship Outreach Evangelism (FORE) – Bring a Friend to Worship Sunday is October 23rd.
- ▶ Parish Education – (see emailed report) Many teachers are available due to the rotation in each grade. Sunday School kick off went well.
- ▶ Youth – Cardboard village in October (for all ages). Youth Preble Parking fundraiser has gone well, raising over \$500 already. Confirmation classes will help out at Golden House on October 5th. Field of Faith event is October 12th.
- ▶ Management/Personnel/Stewardship (MPS) – MPS has started the 2012 budget process. Committees need to get their budget requests in by Oct. 11th. Annual staff visits will be done by council members before Oct. 11th. Financial giving reports will go out soon.
- ▶ Properties – Parking lot repair has been completed. Furnaces have been serviced and are ready for the winter. A few other maintenance items are being taken of soon.
- ▶ Social Concerns – The “A Pair & A Spare” program has started and will continue through September. The 50th Anniversary Committee is selling movie passes to help raise funds.
- ▶ United 2 Serve – Starting Sept. 18th, we will go through the same initial 8-week process that U2S did two years ago when it began. Tim reminded us about the Re-United and Revitalization Sunday on September 25th.

OLD BUSINESS

1. United 2 Serve Distribution: Requests made for the current distribution are as follows:

<u>Team</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Distribution approved</u>
ADR	\$91.80 (20% of August offering)	\$91.80
Parking Lot Repair	229.00 (50% of August offering)	229.00
Youth (Field of Faith)	150.00	150.00
Dessert Feast	50.00	50.00
TOTAL	\$520.80	\$520.80

Kate made a motion to approve the \$520.80 distribution as noted. Donna seconded it. Motion passed unanimously. Balance remaining is \$540.15.

2. Update on New Church Sign: Some major changes will need to be made based on cost and on what the scout is able to do.

NEW BUSINESS

1. There has been a large increase in attendance from last year to this year due to the mid-week services during the summer and the bilingual services on Sunday.
2. Offering envelopes: Discussion about how special offering envelopes should be treated – include them in the envelope book or continue printing separate U2S envelopes. Eileen and PJ will look into this.
3. Church Council Nominations: Three members’ terms will end (Jim, Lora, and Kate). They form the Nominating Committee. We are looking for one person for a 1-year term and 3 people for 3-year terms.
4. A suggestion was made that the church start a credit card or debit card for staff to use on large purchases. MPS will discuss this.
5. Next council meeting is: October 20th at 6:30pm. Kate will do devotions.

Motion to adjourn made by Donna and seconded by Tim. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lora Vandevorde, Church Council Secretary

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE USHERS.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We want to encourage parents to read the Bible to or with your child. Be looking for a copy of the Small Catechism coming home with your child for them to be reading with or to your child. Pre-K is learning the Lord's Prayer, 1st/2nd is learning the first three Commandments, 3rd/4th is learning the last seven Commandments and the 5th/6th is learning the Apostle's Creed. During the time these are used during worship, please encourage your child to participate in saying these prayers. Parent helpers can still find openings for help in the Pre-K and 1st/2nd classes.

Parents please also look at and discuss take home sheets from Sunday School so the children hear the story repeated. Thank you for all that you do at home to help your child learn about Jesus. We have been talking about how Jesus teaches through sermons, stories and parables. We will be hearing about The Great Commandment, Being Humble, the Ten Bridesmaids and the Parable of the Talents. Each child should have received a Small Catechism with each grade learning different things. Please bring your children to church and Sunday School to learn more and to reinforce what they are already learning from you!

The **Nickels for Nets collection** continues for Sunday School and the congregation. The ELCA Malaria Campaign started in 2010 and the intent is to contain deaths from malaria in Africa by 2015. We are part of a global movement to solve this problem through prayer, learning, advocating and giving. Our giving can help to provide mosquito nets, indoor residual spraying, anti-malarial medication, water treatment projects and education. In Africa, one in every five children will die from malaria at the rate of one child every 45 seconds. In 2008, nearly one million people died due to malaria and there were 247 million cases of malaria. Malaria is most common among people in poverty, particularly women who are pregnant and children.

We can help....it costs \$10.00 to provide a bed net and training to protect against malaria-carrying mosquitoes.....so grab a film container and fill it full of coins or write a check to Atonement with "ELCA Malaria Campaign" on the memo line! Yes we are bothered by mosquitoes here in Wisconsin but it is not life and death as it is in Africa....please help! Keep looking for more information about the Malaria Campaign! Questions contact Connie Worzala 465-1363. God bless!



MISSION TRIPS FOR 2012

Plans are being made for two possible Mission Trips in January and/or February of 2012. One is being looked into that would go to Loreto, Mexico, possibly the weeks of January 20 or February 17. Dave & Jean Keim went on this last year as part of a medical team to care for families. But there are other types of volunteers needed to help build churches and do other types of service. If you want to learn more about this please talk with either the Keim's or Pastor Jim.

We are also planning a mission trip to New Orleans in January 6-14, 2012. We will depart on a Friday and be gone for nine days. We will arrive in New Orleans on Saturday and will worship at Gethsemane Lutheran Church on Sunday morning. Sunday afternoon will be spent organizing for our work which will begin on Monday morning. If you are interested in going, talk with Pastor Jim.

MISSION TRIP TO GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHALMETTE, LA

January 6-14, 2012. You are invited to join our team of volunteers to help with the ongoing recovery work in Chalmette, LA. Our team will be doing a number of things to help families get back into their homes. Some of the skills that we are always looking for are: carpenter, clean-up, drywall hanger, drywall finisher, electrician, flooring, framing, insulation, painter and general helper. Lodging will be at Gethsemane Lutheran Church. The team will prepare our own meals and clean up the area we are using during the week. If you have any questions about the trip talk with Pastor Jim and or come to the Mission Trips Forum on Sunday November 20th at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

PROCEDURES FOR USHERS

Ushers are responsible for cleaning up and straightening the pews after the service. Please place the bulletins left in the pews and baskets on Eileen's desk in the office. **DO NOT THROW THEM AWAY!**

Ushers are responsible for counting the number of people attending the service. After each service ushers should bring the offering from the altar into the counting room and inform the count team of the number of people that attended the service. Counting teams now count the offerings. Thank you ushers for your service during worship. We are hopeful this will make it easier for you to usher for us!

COUNTING TEAMS SCHEDULE

Nov. 6- Team 5: Tim Wentworth & Tom Pike
Nov. 13- Team 1: Maryl Nelsen & Sharon Schneider
Nov. 20- Team 2: Duane Pike & Julie Geyer
Nov. 27- Team 3: Ken Storzer & Craig Schneider

PARTNERS IN PRAYER, PROTECTING & PARTNERING WITH OUR PASTOR!

Currently we have a small group of 2 to 3 Atonement members who meet and pray with Pastor Gerth at 8:45-8:55 am each Sunday before service. The prayers focus on lifting our Pastor (Spiritual Leader) up to the Lord. We focus on 4 areas of prayer for Pastor. The first area is Pastor's Personal Needs, the second is Family Needs, the third is Spiritual Needs and the fourth is Congregational Needs. The goal is to have at least 4 to 5 smaller groups which would rotate each Sunday and pray with Pastor before service. I would encourage each and every member of Atonement to consider partnering together in prayer for our Pastor. If you have any questions or are interested in joining this ministry, please call Paul Honzik at 468-6670 or cell 680-8439. I do have reading material I will be handing out in the group which explains in greater detail what this ministry is focused on. I personally along with other members have found this prayer time with Pastor to be a blessing. I also ask each member of Atonement to keep the success of this ministry in your prayers.

FUNERAL HELPER LIST

We are in the process of updating our funeral list of helpers and bakers. Helpers are called on to help set up and serve a catered meal. Please sign up in the narthex or call the church. If you have been on the list and wish to be removed, please indicate your wishes. Any questions, call Judy Slamp, 680-1446, or Maryl Nelsen, 468-0802. Thank you!

N.E.W. SHELTER MEAL

N.E.W. Shelter Meal will be Monday, November 7. The signup sheet is now in the narthex for participation and help. We will serve spaghetti, fruit, vegetable, rolls & cupcakes. Containers and recipe are in the drawer below. Your help is needed as we continue to reach out to those in need in the Green Bay Community. Thanks for helping us feed our neighbor.

We are also looking for new leaders for the shelter meals as Darlene & Paul Gast and Kris VandenHeuvel will be stepping down. Be sure to extend a BIG THANK YOU to Darlene for all the years she has organized this ministry. Many have been helped because of her willingness to serve in this ministry. There will be an informational forum about the N.E.W. Shelter Meals and what is involved in organizing this ministry on Sunday, November 6th between worship services. Darlene is organizing the meal on November 7th but we will need someone in place by the first of the year. If you have any questions about this ministry please call Pastor Jim or Darlene Gast.



ATONEMENT LIBRARY BOOK SALE CONTINUES

Check out the many new books that have come in for our Book Sale. Many popular authors are out on the table. Paperbacks are 50 cents and hardcovers are \$1.00. If you have any great books you wish to share, leave them on the table. Proceeds go to update our Church Library and Wednesday Women projects. Thanks for your support!

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

This group will meet on Sunday morning November 13th during Sunday School (10:00 – 11:15 a.m.) The group will talk about the reading they have been doing in “SEE THROUGH THE SCRIPTURES” by H.N. Wendt. If you would like to be part of this study – confirmed or not – talk with Pastor Jim. Be sure to come with your questions and thoughts about what God is telling us through scripture.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Looking for a weekend away, for just the two of you? A Marriage Encounter Weekend offers you this experience. It's a time to renew your relationship, away from the everyday distraction of life. It's an opportunity to strengthen your communication and promote greater intimacy in your life together. You don't need a Marriage Encounter Weekend, but you DESERVE one. “Discover Each Other Again,” more deeply, honestly and warmly.

The upcoming schedule consists of November 4-6 or February 10-12 at the Norbertine Center for Spirituality in De Pere. Later weekend dates are also scheduled. For more information and to obtain an informational brochure, contact Sue & Dennis Amtmann, 544-5166 or visit the website at www.gbme.org.

CHRISTMAS ALREADY?

The Tuesday Men's group is starting The First Christmas: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus's Birth written by Borg and Crossan, two Jesus scholars. We generally meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 a.m. at Perkins by East Town. To confirm a meeting, call Tim Harder at 465-0752.

VENDOR FAIR

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Saturday, November 12, 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Corner of Scheuring Rd & Lost Dauphin Rd. Just east of Syble Hopp School. Admission \$1.00

If you are interested in being in the Vendor Fair space is available for \$25.00 a space. Tables for your space are available for \$10.00 each.

Reserve your space by calling Dawn Schmidt 336-0386.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF / FAIR TRADE FAIR

Sunday/October 30 10:00– 10:30 a.m.

Sunday/November 6 10:00– 10:30 a.m.

Sunday/November 13 10:00– 10:30 a.m.

Visit our LWR Fair Trade Fair. We're partnering with Lutheran World Relief to bring you beautiful Fair Trade handcrafts from across the globe. Make a world of difference with a purchase that affirms dignity and gives hope to artisans and their families. The Fair Trade Fair will take place in the Parish Hall during coffee time. Choose gifts that make a difference!

Our coffees, cocoa, teas, nuts and chocolate bars are on sale in the narthex. Check it out and get some good bargains.

LOOKING FOR SERVANTS!

You may recall that one of our United 2 Serve goals was to help with tutoring at area schools. It was in September that Rebecca Storzer sent me an e-mail asking for volunteers to help at Fort Howard school. Volunteers are asked to come during either math or reading workshop times. Reader's Workshop times are Monday through Friday 12:55-2:20 p.m. and the Math time is 9:00-10:15 a.m. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to live out our faith by helping students and teachers in our community. Rebecca wants to set up the volunteer group soon, so please let Pastor Jim know right away if you can help.

ANNOUNCING THE OPENING OF CELEBRATION ACADEMY

Celebration Academy is a non-profit service that offers academic consultation, subject tutoring, and enrichment classes in an after school program that gets kids excited about learning!

We believe in helping students learn by building on what they already know, giving them interesting and creative projects to help them learn and teaching them the critical thinking and research skills necessary for the Twenty First Century. Contact Educational Director, Sid Vineburg MAE, at 246-4192 or email: educate@celebrationacademy.org. Celebration Academy is located at the 9th Street Wellness Center, 1028 9th Street, Green Bay, WI 54304

UNITED 2 SERVE UPDATE

TEAM LEADERS FOR 2012

This is a new list of team leaders as we move into 2012. If you see an area that you would like to be a part of please contact Sharon. Thank you to all who have served as team leaders in the past.

- Program LeaderSharon Schneider
- Website TeamCorey Kirch
- Newsletter TeamMary Vandevoorde
- Printing Team
- Media TeamJason Bergstrom
- Presentation TeamRandy Reeves
- Secretarial Support TeamGladys Nickodem
- Grief/Loss Team VisitationsPaula Skorczewski & Karen Bialkowski
- Personal Visit Team
- Prayer Vigil TeamPaul Honzik/ Janet Jacobson
- Dessert Feast TeamRand & Kim Reeves
- Facility Upgrade TeamGladys Nickodem, Barb Hruska
- Seminarian TeamDiane Whiting, Mary Ann Larsen
- Visitor Welcome TeamMary Ann Larsen, Diane Whiting, Judy Slarr
- ADR Team Duane Pike
- Community Events Team
- Young Couples Group. Sara & Jason Helgeson
- Liaison to CouncilTim Wentworth



1 Peter 4:10....Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others.

U2S MEETING MINUTES - Monday, October 10, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

In Attendance: Gladys Nickodem, Marilyn Rabideau, Sara Helgeson, Randy Reeves, Sharon Schneider, Mary Ann Larsen, Mary Vandevoorde

- Current business: Gladys gave a report on the donations. We will have about \$400 remaining as our balance in U2S funds, if and after all requests are granted and submitted.
- Requests for distribution of funds. Leaders agreed that U2S funds be requested for the New Orleans mission trip, \$500. \$50 more is requested for the Dessert Feast, as a very special cake has been ordered in the shape of a shovel to help celebrate the anniversary of the ground breaking 50 years ago. Money was requested for the seminarian team as well, but there are donations of \$135 already in their fund, so no more is needed at this time. \$200 is requested for the visitor gift bags—enough to purchase items and have things in reserve for a couple of months. \$75 for the December Live Nativity expenses is also requested.
- New Priorities and Visions. All responses from this Sunday's written surveys were tallied and organized in a spreadsheet, signaling our members' interests. Leaders expressed immediate interest in installing H2O and electric hookups outdoors, Adopt-A-Family, Military Family support, Soldier support, homeless support, small groups, baby shower, quilts, & other ventures, but not necessarily the Good Samaritan gift cards nor the Bike Rodeo. An attachment will be sent with the summary of the survey.
- Active Leaders. Judy will continue to assist Mary Ann Larsen and Diane Whiting make the gift bags etc., but will not be the primary leader. We are most grateful for Judy's leadership AND the energy she spent cleaning bathrooms in the church this past week. Randy will continue as spokesperson for U2S during services. Sharon will continue as Program Leader; Gladys will continue to organize our bookkeeping; Sara is very interested in taking a leadership role for the shelters; Mary Vandevoorde will continue doing the excellent job she does with the U2S Newsletter. Jason Bergstrom has been our media person and hopefully will continue. Sara even expressed interest in helping the Keim family on their Mexico Trip. Mary Ann will continue with the World Fair Trade project. We expect others will come forward to announce the areas that they are interested in and for which they will offer to give of themselves. **We wait to hear.**
- Connect Areas with U2S and Council Members. We intend to coordinate efforts between the two groups.
- Dessert Feast. Randy and Kim Reeves are taking responsibility for it - setting up on Friday, Oct. 21. They are highly organized and have things under control.
- Concert. October 24th, Monday Evening—many homes have been offered for housing. Food offerings are still needed. Sharon will do the bread for everyone, #'s needed.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Schneider

PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHMENT FROM THIS MONTH'S U2S MEETING

RANK	CONGREGATIONAL GOALS	TOTAL POINTS
1	.....Kitchen Replacement	747
2	.....Family Support for Needy Members	735
3	.....Office Upgrade for Computers	622
4	.....Projection System for Church Service	611
5	.....Organ/Piano replacements/upgrades	580
6	.....Install Water and Electric Hookup Outdoors	580
7	.....Upgrade Phone System throughout church	567
8	.....ADR \$80,000	527
9	.....Small Group Ministry	522
10	.....Address Storage Building Needs	516
11	.....Paint Fellowship Hall	513
12	.....Sanctuary Beautification	496
13	.....New Team Ministries	480
14	.....Personal Family Visits Annually	426
15	.....Establish a Memory Garden	419
16	.....Couples Bible Study	386
17	.....Picnic Facility-Covered Area	346

RANK ...	COMMUNITY GOALS	TOTAL POINTS
1	.....Adopt-A-Family at Christmas	632
2	.....Military Family Support	606
3	.....Homeless Support	599
4	.....Various GB Community Shelter's Support	593
5	.....St. John's Shelter Meal Support	561
6	.....Quilts & Health Kits	482
7	.....Pair & a Spare Support for the Needy	433
8	.....Baby Shower for Brown County	425
9	.....Multi-Cultural Service & Community Support	412
10	.....Good Samaritan Food/Gas Cards	371
11	.....Partnering Schools	371
12	.....Establish Church Partners	371
13	.....Tutoring in Neighborhood Schools	341
14	.....Survey of Surrounding Apartments—Low Income Support & Needs	337
15	.....Provide Adult Volunteers at East High School	297
16	.....Improve Media Relations	275
17	.....Re-Invent the Bike Rodeo	250

RANK ...	WORLD GOALS	TOTAL POINTS
1	.....Soldier's Care Packages	412
2	.....Support the Youth Mission Trips	407
3	.....Lutheran World Relief	346
4	.....Seminarian Support	301
5	.....Provide the Keim Family with Support for Mexico Trip	265
6	.....Expand the Louisiana Mission Trip	250
7	.....Well Projects/Friends of Haiti Support	237
8	.....ELCA Sister Church Support	235
9	.....Aids Epidemic in 3 rd World Countries	234
10	.....Malaria Initiative	222
11	....."Peace Not Walls" Project in the Middle East	153
12	.....World Fair Trade Sale	134

NOVEMBER **BIRTHDAYS!**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO ALL FROM YOUR**



ATONEMENT CHURCH FAMILY!

Happy Birthday to All from your
Atonement Church Family!

Brandtjen, Jeffrey	11/11
Brandtjen, Christina	11/17
Byers, Darrin	11/24
Dorner, Tyler	11/24
Hasseler, Kathryn	11/02
Herms, William	11/18
Huebner, Kathleen	11/04
Kittel, Eugene	11/13
LeMay, Amarra	11/10
Martin, Tom	11/13
McElrone, Aubrie	11/22
Molzahn, Michael	11/19
Nesslein, Kevin	11/27
Neuman, Florence	11/23
Neveau, Daniel	11/29
Paul, Rob	11/03
Pike, Susan	11/19
Possley, Ryan	11/08
Rabideau, Mary Jo	11/08
Reynolds, Russell	11/23
Saugstad, Amanda	11/24
Schewe, Barbara	11/30
Schilz, Kaele Joy	11/24
Skorczewski, Paula	11/29
Smidt, Ellen	11/06
Starkey, Ron	11/03
Wentworth, Jill	11/29
Werner, Jane	11/26
Wiitanen, Dan	11/01
Wistenberg, Pat	11/10
Worzala, Matt	11/01
Zentmeyer, Megan	11/21

(If

**you have an November birthday and
were not recognized, Happy Birthday!
Please call the church office, 468-
0713, to record your birthdate.)**

WE WANT YOUR CLUTTER!

The Salvation Army of Brown County
Thrift Store is in need of the following:
Clothing, household items, furniture,
and electronics. Help your neighbors
in need. 1125 W. Mason St., Green
Bay, WI 920-884-2950.
www.sagreenbay.org/thriftstore.asp,

REMEMBER OUR GOALS FOR 2011

Let Pastor Jim know if you are interested in helping reach
some of these goals. You can e-mail him at
james.gerth@yahoo.com

1. Pay off the mortgage so that we can use these funds for other ministries. The pay off for the mortgage is \$80,000 as of the end of July 2011. I know this seems like an impossible dream - is it? Let us together step out in faith and have this paid off by the May 2012 Celebration!
2. Welcome into the Atonement congregation 50 new families. Together we can reach this goal if we not only pray about it but invite friends to Come & See what is taking place at Atonement. Our next "BRING A FRIEND TO WORSHIP SUNDAY" will be on Sunday, August 28. Begin now to prayerfully consider who you will bring to worship that Sunday!
3. 50 people who will attend the "Walk Thru the Old Testament & New Testament" and participate in a Bible study called "Divine Drama." If we are going to have a future then we must be people of the WORD! It is as we open the scriptures that we discover the wonderment of God's Mission in our lives and in the world!
4. All participate in the 50 Day Prayer Journey that begins on September 11 and ends on the celebration of the groundbreaking.
5. 50 people participate in a Mission Trip in 2011 & 2012. There will be a number of opportunities for youth and adults to serve Christ on either a weekend Mission Trip or a week long Mission Trip. I have seen lives changed by the Holy Spirit as people pick up the towel of the servant and serve!
6. The last goal is as important as all the other goals put together: Increase our worship attendance between now and the next annual meeting by at least 25%. This can happen as we encourage each other to come and worship. We are already taking a step in this direction by having a second service on Sunday mornings that started in March! This second service is really the birth of a new worshipping community called "HOPE FOR ALL." The service will be in English & Spanish. It will take place on Sunday morning from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. ALL are WELCOME! There will be Holy Communion at all of these services! This is a big step but we believe it is time. Please join us as we pray about this new service. This is possible with the help of God!

This is a challenging list which is why I am also looking for 5 people who would be willing to gather with me once a month to pray, dream, reflect and help me care for myself as we move forward. If you feel God is calling you to such a ministry let me know.

CARPET CARE

With respect to our great investment please limit your
beverage to water in our newly carpeted areas.

Thank you ☺

CELEBRATING NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH: THE ADOPTION JOURNEY

A message from Lutheran Social Services (LSS) of Wisconsin & Upper Michigan

November is National Adoption month, a month set aside to raise awareness about the adoption of children and youth. Join Lutheran Social Services (LSS) of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, Inc. in spreading the word about the adoption journey.

Each family is unique and so is their adoption journey. Many families have experienced other journeys before looking to build their family through adoption. Many children hope their journey leads them to a forever family of their own. Learn more about the Else family and their adoption journey below:

The Else Family's Adoption Journey

David and Kimberly Else have been strong advocates for children since adopting son, Christopher, from the Philippines in 2000. They worked patiently through a total of four adoptions, each with unique struggles that included both passport and health issues and typhoon flooding. Dave and Kim were committed to adopting older children with full knowledge that there could be a long and sometimes difficult adjustment period. They tenaciously seek educational opportunities and stability for the children, accepting each as an individual with special gifts. After Kim's bout with breast cancer, the couple's second adoption application was rejected. However, in late 2006 the family eagerly agreed to participate in the LSS Adoption Ambassadors Program that advocates for the adoption of older and special needs children in the Philippines.

Upon arriving in the Philippines in 2007 and seeing Christopher interacting with a nine year old boy named Warren, Kim and Dave knew they had not only found their new son, but also their daughter, 13-year-old Julie. Julie and Warren struggled to adjust, but Kim and David's unwavering love helped them find the light at the end of the tunnel. In 2009, 7-year-old Nica was welcomed home, completing the family. Due to the fact that their children were older when they joined the family, Dave and Kim have been tireless in their pursuit of opportunities to keep the children connected with the Philippines. They are members of several cultural groups, keep in close contact with former orphanage roommates, and the children can proudly say they are world-class athletes in the Filipino martial art of Eskrima/Doce Pares. While Kim keeps the Else home comfortable and stable, David honorably serves as a Department of Defense Civilian and Colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps, traveling frequently to the Middle East to share his expertise. Dave and Kim are proud parents of four fantastic children, and they are humbled by the praise they receive for their hard work.

US Senator Herb Kohl has selected David and Kimberly Else as a 2011 Angel in Adoption™ awardee for their outstanding advocacy of adoption issues. The Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute (CACI), which orchestrates the Angel in Adoption™ program, honored David and Kimberly Else, along with more than 150 Angels, at an awards ceremony and gala event in Washington, DC, this past October. They are true angels and so deserving of this honor. For more families' adoption journeys and for more information about adoption visit www.lssadopt.org.

Let us remember to use the offering envelopes in the bulletins during November to show our support for Lutheran Social Services.

IN THE HOSPITAL?

If you want Pastor Jim to know you are going to be and/or are hospitalized, please be sure to contact the church office, 468-0713. When admitted to the hospital, you will have to tell them to contact Atonement. Even when you tell this to the hospital, sometimes we are called and sometimes we are not. The only way to be sure we know about your hospitalization is for you or a family member to contact us directly. Without your assistance, it is very possible your hospitalization will not be known by Pastor Jim.

HEART BOUND GREYHOUND ADOPTION is a nonprofit organization dedicated to finding retired racing greyhounds forever homes and families. Dixie and Gypsy were adopted! We have 6 girls still looking for a home: Blackie, Tori, Wendy, Ray Ray, Freeloader and Shiner. All are super companions, low maintenance and fairly quiet. If you or someone you know is interested in adopting one of our dogs, you can contact me or Heartbound.org. Thanks, Abbie Honzik

NOVEMBER 2011 SCHEDULE

GREETERS

Nov. 6 - Don & Mary Carlson
 Nov. 13 - Don & Kathy Donarski
 Nov. 20 - John & Connie Droege
 Nov. 27 - Jeff & Amy Fay

READERS/ COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Nov. 6 - Kristin Michels
 Nov. 13 - Gary Sikich
 Nov. 20 - Ken Larsen
 Nov. 27 - Mary Jo Rabideau

USHERS

Nov. 6 Team 5
 Don Donarski, Jim Michels
Nov. 13 Team 6
 Ken Storzer, Rick Fitchett,
 Spencer Holschuh
Nov. 20 Team 7
 Gary Sikich, Craig Schneider,
 Sandstrom/Brost
Nov. 27 Team 8
 Robin & Bonnie Last,
 Gordy Jacobs, Tom Nessler

COUNTING TEAMS

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Nov. 13 - Team 1: Maryl Nelsen & Sharon Schneider
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DURHAM HOUSE

Week of:

Nov. 6 – Toby & Judy Smits
 Nov. 13 – Lee & Kathy Bialkowski
 Nov. 20 – Kim & Randy Reeves
 Nov. 27 – Dave & Joellyn Kacynski

NURSERY

Nov. 6 - Sally Brockman
 Nov. 13 - Alicia Nowak
 Nov. 20 - Laura Kirch
 Nov. 27 - Spencer Holschuh

COFFEE SCHEDULE

Nov. 6 - Mary Ann Starks
 Nov. 13 - Louise Kazmer
 Nov. 20 - Donna Aznoe
 Nov. 27 - Dan & Mary Jo Rabideau



ALTAR GUILD

Mary Ann Starks
 Sue Byers

YOUTH SCHEDULE

Nursery - 9:00	Acolyte - 8:45	Acolyte - 11:15
Nov. 6 – Autumn Frerk	Megan Zentmeyer	Karla Lopez
Nov. 13 – Hailey Huebner	Lexi Krenke	Eric Cardona
Nov. 20 – Pariss LeMay	Daniel Nessler	Yadira Mendez
Nov. 27 – Cody Dietz	Lauren Rupp	Karla Lopez

Special Services (Come 15 minutes before the service)

Nov. 23 – 7:00 p.m. – Karla Lopez & Yadira Mendez
 Nov. 30 – 7:00 p.m. – Autumn Frerk

Rainbow Bags Schedule

November – Vanessa Wentworth

Youth Servers @ NEW Shelter

November 7, 2011 – Hailey Huebner, Megan Zentmeyer, Lexi Krenke