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Media— Needed

We all are still experiencing the horror of the tragedy in Newtown last month. Pray for comfort and healing for all who were directly affected by it.

Our Synod has a disaster response unit with comfort dogs that goes and brings some peace and comfort to victims. The dogs and staff came to Newtown at the request of district president Yeadon. The team worked with Pastor Morris of Christ the King Lutheran Church In Newtown. The unit is based out of Addison, Illinois and is a branch of Lutheran Church Charities. They were featured on CNN and NBC Nightly News.

It is hard to make sense of incidents such as these but they do remind us of who and what is important to us in our lives and is a good time to set priorities. Getting involved in corrective actions could be one of those priorities.



Lutheran Church Charities

Children play with "Luther," a Lutheran Church Charities (LCC) "comfort dog," Dec. 16 at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Newtown, Conn. LCC President Tim Hetzner likens the dogs to "furry counselors" who show unconditional love, aren't judgmental, are confidential and "don't keep notes."

Our fall congregational meeting was held on December 2 after the worship service. A forum was presented with twenty six members in attendance. Tim Renz presented the proposed budget and reviewed the expenses and changes that were made. A large savings will occur due to Pastor Wismar opting to change his health insurance coverage from Concordia to TriCare through the military. We thank Pastor for thinking of this and volunteering to make the change. The church will set up a Health Reimbursement Account for Pastor and his family to compensate for the increase in co-pays and major expenses. The budget was approved.

Each commissioner reported on activities and goals for 2013. The goals are printed below..

Mission Commission---Goals & Accomplishments--December 2012

Oktoberfest---approximately 50 attended--good turnout--next year planning on expanding attendees---brought in dollars to be used for future local, national or international missions (to be determined)

Goals Planned for 2013

Gift packages for college students---begin collecting items Jan 2013-
(to be sent out by April 2013)

January or February 2013--- Chili cookout

Spring 2013---Feeding the Children Everywhere Project---this will be an entire congregational project, as well as local churches & the community---Pastor is in the process of getting additional information on specifics of what we need to do and just how it can work.

This will be an extremely large undertaking, but a most worthwhile cause.

Suggestions & ideas from anyone in the congregation are welcome, providing individuals assist in implementing the suggestions & ideas they recommend.

Discipleship Goals for 2013

Continue the support of our Altar Guild, Ushers and Choir on a weekly basis.

Jane McGowan will update the Altar Guild and Greeters quarterly.

Carol Woodside will update the Lay Readers, Acolytes, Crucifers and Tellers quarterly.

Continue to support all regular and special services on a weekly basis.

Hold monthly meetings (4th Tuesday of each month) with Pastor and committee members to determine the best way to serve the congregation.

Assist and support our Pastor on all his efforts on a weekly basis.

Continue to assist people willing to help members in time of need. Continue to update list as needed.

Patty Tompkins will update and publish address/phone/e-mail list of members and friends yearly or as needed.

Visit members who are in the hospital if possible.

Call members who live alone and help them wherever possible.

Provide senior support wherever possible.

Update Shepherd's Staff database weekly and as needed.

To continue to become a purposefully friendly church.

Youth & Fellowship

Goals for Youth and Fellowship Commission 2012-2013

Revised using SAM guidelines, October 9, 2012

Youth

In anticipation of the LCMS youth gathering to be held in San Antonio July 1-5 of 2013, designate a special time during a worship service in January for past attendees of that and other youth events (possibly Kate Meisenholder, Kate Dupree, John Larson, Regan Mulrooney, Jessi Dice, etc...) to share their experiences, thereby encouraging our eligible youth to attend.

Organize and publicize a lock-in to be held in November of 2012 (possibly the 23rd or 30th) for 5th-8th graders

Research the possibility of a bowling activity (cost, available days and times) by Dec. 31st 2012

Look into hosting Captive Free for a concert in the spring. Find out what dates are still available and determine whether or not planning can go forward. The research should be completed by December 16th 2012.

Plan a Family Movie Night to happen in February or March of 2013

Fellowship

Distribute a short survey with two specific purposes: 1. to ascertain the thoughts, opinions, and preferences of our members regarding fellowship events and 2. acquire email addresses to be used for publicizing upcoming activities. The survey will be distributed (around) Thanksgiving 2012.

Have commission meetings in November, February, and April on a designated Sunday after worship with the specific goal of delegating responsibilities for upcoming events to current commission members and inviting new people to join.

Hold book club meetings once per month September-November and January-June.

Conduct a hike to The Dover Stone Church (Dover Plains, NY) on Sun., October 21st beginning at 1:00 pm.

Help to arrange and publicize the Dice Family Christmas Party in December 2012.

Research the cost/possibility of a country line dancing or square dancing event by Dec. 31st, 2012.

Organize a 5 or 6 week series of walks/hikes (with concluding luncheon) to occur in April and May of 2013.

Set a date for the Church Picnic, usually held in June, and follow that with newsletter announcements, bulletin inserts, verbal announcements, and a sign-up sheet to be posted no later than May 19th.

Education Goals

Select Sunday School materials (Growing in Worship Program) for 2012-2013 in June or July of 2012.

Select Christmas program at the beginning of October 2012 to be performed no later than December 16, 2012.

Appeal to the congregation and recent confirmands by phone, email or personal contact to assist the Sunday School teachers throughout the year.

Have regular discussions with the Sunday School teachers and Superintendent before the Sunday School year starts and when necessary throughout the year.

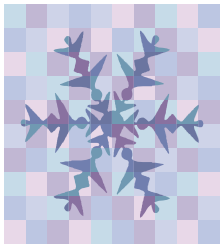
Property Goals

We have achieved: continuing adjustments to the outdoor lighting at church.

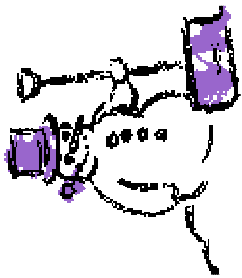
replacing the framing on the front windows

Putting down new mulch on some of the outside beds

We always have a list of things needing work or repair and could use some more members on this commission, so please consider volunteering.



JANUARY 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3- 12:00pm-Weight Watchers	4	5
6- 9:00am-Sunday School 9:15am-Adult Bible Study 10:30am- Communion Worship Service	7	8 7:45pm-Board Meeting	9 3 8:00pm-A.A.	10 12:00pm-Weight Watchers 7:30pm-Choir	11	12
13 9:00am-Sunday School 9:15am-Adult Bible Class 10:30am- Worship Service	14	15	16 8:00pm-A.A.	17 10:00am - WSL 12:00pm-Weight Watchers 7:30pm-Choir	18	19
20 9:00am-Sunday School 9:15am-Adult Bible Study 10:30am- Communion Worship service	21	22 7:30pm- Discipleship Meeting	23 8:00pm-A.A.	24 12:00pm-Weight Watchers 7:30pm-Choir	25	26
27 9:00-Sunday School 9:15-Adult Bible Class 10:30am- Worship Service	28	29	30 8:00pm-AA	31- 12:00pm-Weight Watchers 7:30pm-Choir		

Serving Page for JANUARY

	1/6	1/13	1/20	1/27	2/3
Ushers:	E. Davis	T Renz	D. Kish	L Hamilton	R Cancel
	E. Davis	T. Durr	C. Kish	C Hamilton	I Cancel
	A. Davis	B. Durr	F Bok	B Tompkins	A Golino
	C.Woodside	D Abrantes	J Bok	P Tompkins	J Kloos
 Tellers:	 S Kloos	 T Renz	 G Wismar	 C Dice	 B Durr
	B Dice	R Renz	P Wismar	J Dice	P Durr
LayReader	B Dice	B Woodside	L Smith	D Kelley	R Smith
Greeters:	C Hamilton	S Haber	B Bodnar E Bodnar	I Cancel R Cancel	P Durr
Comm. Asst.:	L. Hamilton		B. Durr		T. Renz
Altar Guild:	L Thomson	E Leili	H Abrantes	T Gillio	A Sohle
	P Tompkins	L White	L Seder	I Wixted	
Acolyte:	B Musinski	J Wismar	L Golino	J Berendsohn	Ch Brillion
Crucifer:	Ca Brillion	A Miller	Z Booth	M Miller	J Kilgallon

Donald and Beverly Breeger

	Stephanie Zustovich	January 01	Cameron Tompkins	January 18
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January 13

	Alyssa Renz	January 09	Laura Berendsohn	January 19
	Matthew Miller	January 10	Paula Durr	January 19

Richard and Suzanne Haber

January 14

	Don Breeger	January 12	Richard Alves	January 20
	Alexander Miller	January 15	Carol Cunningham	January 21
	Daniel Abrantes	January 15	Nancy Crosby	January 25



Marriage

	Cole Scully	January 15	Victoria Alves	January 31
	Judy Bachman	January 17		
	Edward Davis	January 18		
	Doris Stangl	January 18		

Youth and Fellowship:

We had a successful lock-in on Friday, December 7th! Fifteen kids attended, with 12 spending the night. A huge "thank you" to Larry Crosby who organized activities early in the evening, Bonnie Dice who stayed for a while despite not feeling well, and especially Lisa Golino who was able to substitute for Bonnie and spent the night with us. Pastor, Anthony Golino, and Kat Wollny also helped supervise the event. The kids played Holiday Bingo, Musical Chairs, Manhunt, Infection, and had a doughnut-eating contest (won by Jake Berendsohn). Josh Hamilton had the closest guess for the number of M&M's in a jar, Anthony Golino for mint M&M's, and Brandyn Musinski for sour patch kids. Congratulations, guys! We all managed to get a little sleep and after breakfast in the morning the kids helped clean things up.

Thanks again to everybody!

Beth Alves

PLEASE NOTE

We still need a stewardship commissioner and a media commissioner. Media could be a team of two—one doing the web page and one the organizing.

Please think about it and help us do the work of our mission to share and spread the Good News of the gospel.

FOOD PANTRY collection on Sunday January 13—let's fill up the box on that day.

SEE YOU IN CHURCH ON SUNDAY

