



THE STAFF

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

December, 2011



Christmas Worship Services

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

5:30pm

11:00pm

Christmas Day

10:30am

VOTERS' MEETING

December 11, 2011

Items on the agenda will be:

- ◇ approving the 2012 budget that was presented by the finance committee and approved by council, and-
- ◇ voting on the proposed slate of officers for the 2012 council.

Update on profile report

The profile committee completed the required survey to send to Synod. Council reviewed it at their October meeting and returned it back to the committee with a few questions.

The profile report will be submitted by the years end.

PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS 2012 COUNCIL

President:	Ken Watson
Vice-President:	Linda Kapitan
Treasurer:	Sue Landino
Secretary:	Brenda Samal
Financial Secretary:	John Downs
Christian Education:	Kristen Gustafson
Evangelism:	Rob Landino
Stewardship/ Missions:	Joy Downs
Worship:	Paul Barnes
Property:	Carl Podgwaite
Fellowship:	Anita Podgwaite

Thank you to the Nominating Committee:
Linda Kapitan, Sue Hartley and Marianne Turner

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1/1/10—12/31/10

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**IN YOUR PRAYERS,
PLEASE REMEMBER-**

William Lou Barbara
Alyssa Dube family Derk
Ellen John Carl
Elfriede

Members of Good Shepherd who are homebound

Family and friends that we name in our hearts

Military personnel

LUTHER HOUSE DINNER

Many thanks to all who contributed to the wonderful supper at Luther House on Sunday, November 13. Pastor Kari Kaje led a lovely worship service for the students followed by our homemade meal. The students really appreciated this meal and thank you all.

Special thanks to Trish Rowold who attended this event with me.

Sue Hartley

Ruth Podgwaite delivered bags of food to the Cheshire Food Bank on Sunday, November 6.

This food bank serves approximately 100 families in need.



The choir is looking for singers to join them in song at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services.

Practice of the Christmas hymns is done following worship so as not to delay everyone for long.

Speak with the organist, Adele Hausman, if you have any questions.

Council notes



Council met 11/27 following worship to review the proposed 2012 budget. The total budget is \$60,355.00—an increase of approximately \$600 over our current budget. Council felt this amount to be reasonable as the year-to-date operating contributions for the month ending October, 2011 is about \$47,000 and we have two more months to add in. Council reviewed the line items and voted to remove the \$650 item for carpet cleaning (under Property.) A line item comparison of current budget to proposed will be presented at the Voters' meeting on December 11. Kristen Gustafson and Christi Sharon having been working organizing supplies and setting up the Sunday School classrooms. Paul Barnes reported on the work that will now begin on the sanctuary.

DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Anniversaries

Birthdays

1-Chuddy Watson
7-Christopher Knoob
14-Alyssa Aykroyd
29-Emily Olson



Baptisms

Barbara Kuslan, Christi Sharon,
Raymond Morris, Janice Vann,
Jonathan Goodrich, Leo Goodrich,
Bernie Kapitan, Jessika Dube',
Marie Woronick

*If we missed your celebration or have listed it incorrectly please call the office and let us know.
Thank you!*

A new roof will be put on first—the interior will then be stripped, insulated and sheetrock put up. The paneling is no longer available. The exact time frame has not been determined yet—but it will start soon.

The nominating committee filled the position of council president. A full slate of council officers will be presented to the Voters' on 12/11. (See page 1 for the proposed slate.)

SCHEDULED TO SERVE

DATE	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	READER	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD
12/4	Gunnar Chapman	John Downs	Barbara Kuslan	John & Joy Downs	Paul Barnes
12/11	Shaun Pitts	Linda Kapitan	Ken Watson	Paul & Jason Barnes	Paul Barnes
12/18	Jonathan Goodrich	Micah Sharon	Lisa Ball-Goodrich	Christi & Micah Sharon	Paul Barnes
Christmas Eve 12/24 5:30pm	Gunnar Chapman	Mary Lou Knoob	Barbara Kuslan	Eric & Kristen Gustafson	Paul Barnes
Christmas Eve 12/24 11:00pm	Jonathan Goodrich	Micah Sharon	Linda Kapitan	John & Joy Downs	Paul Barnes
Christmas Day 12/25 10:30am	Shaun Pitts	Rob Landino	Micah Sharon	Carl & Anita Podgwaite	Paul Barnes
1/1/2012	Gunnar Chapman	John Downs	Ken Watson	Christi & Micah Sharon	Anita Podgwaite
1/8/2012	Jonathan Goodrich	Linda Kapitan	Lisa Ball-Goodrich	John & Joy Downs	Anita Podgwaite

*If you cannot serve on your appointed day, please find a substitute, and make the change on the master schedule.
Thank you for your service!*



Host a coffee hour

The fellowship hall renovation is complete!
Come see the beautiful room and enjoy a cup of coffee and snack following worship.

Volunteers are needed to host a Sunday coffee hour. Anita Podgwaite prepares the coffee—so all you have to do is bring the goodies, milk for the coffee and then clean up afterward. Speak with Anita if you can offer a hand.



125 Treat Bags to fill for Hamden Food Bank

We need kid-friendly snack foods to fill 125 treat bags for needy children in Hamden who are part of the afterschool program at the Keefe Center. Many of these children are in families served by the Hamden Food Bank. The treat bags will be given to the children at their holiday party.

Our goal is 6-8 treats in each bag. Here are the different types of treats we need:

Chips, popcorn, pretzels, goldfish, cheese & crackers
Cookies, granola bars, Rice Krispie treats, animal crackers
Hot chocolate packets
Pudding, fruit, or applesauce cups
Oatmeal packs (flavored)
Gummy snacks (fruit roll-ups, gushers, etc.)
Raisins
Juice boxes

* Individual packets and serving sizes please *

Ready - set - bring in those treats on Sunday, November 27 and December 4, or by Saturday, December 10, so that we can organize the items on the evening of December 10 and decorate a few bags!

During Sunday School on December 11, we will assemble as many treat bags as we can so that these can be delivered in time for Keefe Center's Christmas party.

(Also, we are looking for Christmas and winter theme stickers to decorate the bags.)





Hat / Mitten Tree

The tree is set up in the narthex waiting to be adorned with hats, mittens, scarves, socks, etc.

These warm articles of clothing will be delivered to-

Resurrection Lutheran Church
New Haven, CT
for Three Kings Day
January 6, 2012.

'Midnight Run' Evangelism Program

Mt. Carmel Congregational church participates in the 'Midnight Run' program where church members gather on Monday evenings and prepare sandwiches. The brown-bag meals are delivered to New Haven shelters and any donated coats and blankets are distributed on the New Haven Green.

Anita Podgwaite and others were going to participate on Monday, 11/28, and see if Good Shepherd could eventually help with this program.

We look forward to hearing of their experiences.



A total of **22 turkeys**, given by members of our congregation, were delivered to the Hamden food bank for Thanksgiving.

Initially, Joy and John Downs arrived at the food bank with the **10** turkeys brought to church by our members and the monetary donations. They inquired whether the food bank would prefer the money or more turkeys.

Answer: **More Turkeys!**

So—Joy and John scoured the grocery stores for best deals and were able to purchase **12** more turkeys!

These gifts were greatly appreciated by the Hamden food bank!

Thank you everyone for your generosity and to Joy and John for their time shopping and delivering the food.