

**NEWS AND NOTES**  
**THIS WEEK AT LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS**  
**January 29 – February 5, 2012**

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| <b>SUN:</b>   | <b>ANNUAL MEETING PART 2</b>   |
|               | 8:00 Worship Assistant Prayer Time in Narthex                                |
|               | 8:15 Worship   |
|               | 9:15 Fellowship and Coffee Time in Celebration Center - Everyone is Welcome! |
|               | 9:20 Prayer Group in Fireside Room   |
|               | 9:30 Congregational Meeting in Celebration Center                            |
|               | 9:25 Sunday School Activities in Sanctuary and Lower Level                   |
|               | 9:30 AM Mayhem in Youth Room   |
|               | 10:15 Worship Assistant Prayer Time in Narthex                               |
|               | 10:30 Worship  |
|               | 11:30 First Communion Class in Chapel Hall                                   |
|               | 11:30 Fifth Sunday Potluck in Celebration Center                             |
| <b>MON:</b>   | 1:00 Prayer Shawl in Fireside Room   |
| <b>TUES:</b>  | 9:15 Stretch and Pray in Chapel Hall 1                                       |
|               | 10:00 Computer Lab—open  |
|               | 10:30 Tuesday Bible Study in Chapel Hall                                     |
|               | 1:30 Staff Meeting and Prayer in Fireside Room                               |
|               | 5:00 Rebroadcast of Sunday's Service on Charter Channel 8                    |
| <b>WED:</b>   | 9:00 Pastor's Bible Study in Fireside Room                                   |
|               | 5:30 Bells in Classrooms 3 and 4   |
|               | 6:45 Youth Group in Youth Room   |
|               | 6:50 Eucharistic Service in Sanctuary  |
|               | 7:00 Confirmation in Chapel Hall, Classrooms 1-4                             |
|               | 7:00 Senior Choir in Choir Room  |
|               | 7:00 "What's in the Bible School" in Library                                 |
|               | 8:00 Rebroadcast of Sunday's Service on Charter Channel 8                    |
| <b>THURS:</b> | 2:00 Men's Coffee in Chapel Hall   |
|               | 4:00 Soup Kitchen Serving in Brainerd  |
|               | 7:00 A. A. and Al Anon in Lower Level  |
| <b>FRI:</b>   |  |
| <b>SAT:</b>   | 9:00 Men's Bible Study   |
|               | 10:00 White Pines Association in Chapel Hall                                 |
| <b>SUN:</b>   | 8:00 Worship Assistant Prayer Time in Narthex                                |
|               | 8:15 Worship and Communion   |
|               | 9:15 Fellowship and Coffee Time in Celebration Center - Everyone is Welcome! |
|               | 9:20 Prayer Group in Fireside Room   |
|               | 9:30 Forum in Chapel Hall, "Abraham Lincoln: How He Grew Into Greatness"     |
|               | 9:25 Sunday School Activities in Sanctuary, Classrooms 1-4 and Lower Level   |
|               | 9:30 AM Mayhem in Youth Room   |
|               | 10:15 Worship Assistant Prayer Time in Narthex                               |
|               | 10:30 Worship, Baptism, and Communion  |
|               | 11:30 First Communion Class in Chapel Hall                                   |

**NEW PRAYER CONCERNS:** Earl Elmquist, David Fremling, John Hofmann, Curt Cogan, Phyllis Ormsby, Alice Kraemer, Frances Nelson, Dell Fisher, Jeff Corrigan, Leo and Verona Brock, Greg Arends, and Marina Grabowski.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES:** are available in the narthex. Please pick up your envelopes and save postage. Each packet of envelopes cost \$2.87 to send.

**PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY - LIFE RHYTHMS:** Wednesdays at 9:00 am. The focus of the study is the texts that are read as part of worship on Sunday mornings. A sermon doesn't allow for the time to dig deeper into the background of the biblical story and then give members opportunity to express how they hear these stories as the biblical witness intersects their daily lives.

**THE ANNUAL MEETING PART 2:** today, at 9:30 a.m. in the Celebration Center. We will approve the 2012 Budget and share important goals for the new year.

**FOOD, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP ON THE FIFTH:** Today's fifth Sunday is featuring a Gospel music theme within our service. Please plan on joining us for a **church potluck following** the second service.

**A CALL TO SERVE:** There are opportunities for service in the areas of Worship Coordinators and Lenten Suppers. Please call the church office if you are willing to help (963-2564). Thank you.

**GREEN CONGREGATION TIP OF THE WEEK:** Over 80 percent of the oil we consume in Minnesota is bituminous crude, or Tar Sands, from Alberta, Canada, which requires open-pit operations comparable to mountaintop removal coal mining in Appalachia. Large tracts of boreal forest are cut, wetlands drained, layers of soil and peat moss removed, and important habitat lost. Four tons of northern forest are destroyed, along with all the wildlife and habitat it supports, to produce a single barrel of oil.

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES:** First Communion classes will begin today and continue for three Sunday's following the 10:30am service. Children 8 years and older are eligible to participate in classes. If you would like your child to participate and partake of the Sacrament for the first time on February 19, 2012; please contact Janet in Children's and Family Ministry at (218)961-2012 or janet@lccnisswa.org.

**ADULT FORUMS:** begin February 5, at 9:30 am in Chapel Hall, "Abraham Lincoln: How He Grew to Greatness." As we look to Abraham Lincoln's upcoming birthday, Bob Brekken, a long-time history professor at CLC, will offer us a new appraisal of Honest Abe's maturation and presidency.

**GATHER TOGETHER BIBLE STUDY:** This month we will continue our study of the Gospel of Mark by looking at the life of Jesus of Nazareth. Our theme verse is Mark 1:15. We will meet Wednesday, February 8, at 10:30 am in Chapel Hall. All are welcome!

**FIFTY PLUS:** Join us on Friday, February 10, at 12:00 pm in the Celebration Center for a time of fun, fellowship and food! Hosts for February will be: Cliff and Jeanyne Hess and JoAnne Dayton. The Potluck Guide is: A-G Dessert, H-N Hotdish, and O-Z Salad. The program will be about the Uganda Clinic Project.

**BRUNCH ASSISTANCE REQUESTED!** The LCC Call Committee is hosting a Brunch for Pastor Andy's Installation Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. We are in need of some good Lutheran cooks to put together some Breakfast Bakes for us. There is a sign -up sheet along with the recipe on the desk in the narthex. Thank you for your help!

**NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY ON REVELATION:** Pastor Andy will be leading a 9-session study on Revelation beginning on Tues., Feb. 14 and Thu., Feb. 16. The Tuesday evening session will take place from 6:30-7:30 PM each week and the Thursday afternoon session from 1:00-2:00 PM. Tuesday and Thursday sessions are identical each week. The study will run from Feb. 14/16 through Apr. 24/26. Sign up for this study on the kiosk in the narthex. There is no cost to participate.

**LITURGY DAY CONCERT:** February 17, 2012. 7:30 PM Tornstrom Auditorium in Brainerd. Fr. Mike Joncas and Marty Haugen will be singing your favorite, and some new, music selections, world premier of "Sacred This Banquet, Holy Our Feast" and more. Tickets available at [www.cedarbrook.us](http://www.cedarbrook.us)



**Events that speak to the human spirit and faith.  
For people in the second half of their life, essentially age 50 and up.  
AN AFTERNOON WITH JOHN NUNES  
CEO of Lutheran World Relief and expert on global poverty.**

Sunday, February 26, 2012, from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Tickets go on sale January 15, 2012  
Purchase tickets at First Lutheran Church office or  
[www.flcbrainerd.com/index.cfm/pageid/48](http://www.flcbrainerd.com/index.cfm/pageid/48)

**Lutheran Church of the Cross Bible Reading Challenge - Daily Bible Reading from Lectionary B**

**Monday, January 30, 2012**

Psalm 35:1-10  
Numbers 22:1-21  
Acts 21:17-26

**Tuesday, January 31, 2012**

Psalm 35:1-10  
Numbers 22:22-28  
1 Corinthians 7:32-40

**Wednesday, February 1, 2012**

Psalm 35:1-10  
Jeremiah 29:1-14  
Mark 5:1-20

**Thursday, February 2, 2012**

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c  
Proverbs 12:10-21  
Galatians 5:2-15

**Friday, February 3, 2012**

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c  
Job 36:1-23  
1 Corinthians 9:1-16

**Saturday, February 4, 2012**

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c  
Isaiah 46:1-13  
Matthew 12:9-14